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THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
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TIME and place wrought together auspiciously for the second annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Nowhere does April's pulsing life manifest itself in more captivating loveliness than in Washington, the City Beautiful. Parks and squares, generous streets and noble architecture combine to typify the freedom and largeness of our national life. Here is room. Here is international hospitality. Here in floodtide come memories and hopes that quicken the patriot's heartbeat. Amid the cleanness, the civic beauty, and the dominant note of world-wide interest the true patriot feels not only pride and gratitude for citizenship in this noble republic, but there is consciousness of world life in which he must share, and which, as much as in him lies, he must help to shape into the divine ideal. All climes are his and he is theirs.

The appearance and atmosphere of Mt. Vernon Place Church on the evening of April 10 at the opening session were in keeping with the round-the-world work of the Council. Motives and charts setting forth great truths or illustrating the work done in the homeland and in other lands, caught the eye and the mind. The great hymn, "Lead on, O King Eternal," which for a year has been sung throughout the Church, rang out with a fervor born in glad hearts of a conscious answer to its prayer. The palms in the chancel made a beautiful foreground for the young life gathered together in the choirs of the entertaining Churches, and the musical program was appropriate and inspiring.

The venerable Dr. W. V. Tudor, the first pastor of Mt. Vernon Place Church, and Dr. F. J. Prettyman, presiding elder of Washington District, conducted the devotional service. Dr. Prettyman extended to the Council and visitors a cordial welcome to "the city belonging to us all," emphasizing its national spirit and the need of a representative Southern Methodist Church there to help impress the gospel upon our national life. Miss Bennett voiced the Council's appreciation of the invitation to Washington, the warm greeting, and the hospitality which had already made everyone feel at home.

Several ministers, among them Rev. William Acton from the Pacific Coast, assisted in administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. No hour in all the session is holier and dearer than is this to the hearts of the workers coming together for the joy of worship and fellowship.

Miss Bennett spoke briefly upon the significance of the world-wide uplift of woman, which has come about by the power of the Holy Spirit through the open Word of God. Fifty years ago the ideal mother was she who looked down in tender love and care upon her own baby in her arms. To-day the ideal mother, while caring tenderly for her own, sends out her heart and its best to suffering motherhood and babyhood everywhere. She introduced Mrs. J. B. Cobb and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Secretaries of the Foreign Department and of the Home Department, who told briefly what the year had meant to the two branches of work, and incited to larger faith and service.

On the afternoon preceding this evening service there was held a Workers' Conference, presided over by Mrs. A. F. Watkins and Mrs. N. G. Rollins. It was reported as full of illuminating discussion of the Forward Movement, the Departments of Supplies, Social Service, and other vital topics.

Thursday evening, with the First Vice President, Mrs. T. G. Ratchliffe, presiding, the devotional service was conducted by Dr. Beauchamp, of Danville, Va. Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Miss Mabel Head, and Miss Daisy Davies reported the work of the year as Editorial, Educational, and Field Secretaries. As one listened to these, there came a fuller realization of the magnitude of the task of the Church and the need of an unceasing

forward movement until "a whole generation has been trained to think in missions."

Friday evening Mrs. J. W. Perry, Third Vice President, presided and conducted the devotional service. In the absence of Bishop Murrah, Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, preached a great sermon from John iv. 35: "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest." The sermon was an impassioned plea for recognition of the now and here of life's overflowing privilege. His definition of a problem as "an overripe opportunity" lost or bequeathed by one person or generation to another was startling in its application and made one hear with intense seriousness his declaration: "There never sat a body of women that had larger opportunity than this body sitting now and here in these pregnant, beginning times. A harvest is an opportunity, an achievement, and a gift from God. To find out what God is doing and to do mightily that thing—this is the call to the individual and to the Church."

The editor of the *Council Daily* gives the following account of the Sunday morning services:

SUNDAY MORNING AT MOUNT VERNON.

Sunday was a high day for the Southern Methodist churches of the city and its suburbs. At the request of the pastors, every one was supplied with speakers from the members of the Council. Epworth was highly fortunate in having Bishop Wilson, whose very personage in our midst is a benediction. As usual, the main interest centered at the seat of the Conference, Mount Vernon Place Church, where Bishop E. R. Hendrix preached the annual sermon before the Council. This capacious auditorium was filled to its doors with a most appreciative congregation. The sermon, based on the text "Believe in God, believe in me," was a masterful presentation of the great fundamentals of our religion, belief in God the Father, and belief in both the humanity and the divinity of Christ his Son, and of the unassailable grounds of that belief. "Believe in me" is a stiff imperative. Christ commands belief in himself because he himself is absolute truth, and all that he taught is truth. There can be no question about this truth because he said so positively: "If it were not so, I would have told you."

The sermon throughout was a rebuke to all that is vacillating and

cowardly in us and a call to give God an undivided heart and a heroic, self-sacrificing service that will stand all tests, because he who makes the demand is worthy of our love and worthy of our sword.

The missionary task before us is a stupendous one; but because of unfaltering belief in Christ, in his words, in his presence and companionship, we should face it with high hope and undaunted courage.

The Sunday afternoon service for children and young people, in charge of Mrs. Ratcliffe and Mrs. Grubbs, was full of inspiration. Miss Bessie Houser, of China, and Miss Elinor Millar brought never-to-be-forgotten messages to the children; and Miss Mamie Myers, of Korea, and Miss Smith, deaconess of Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta, spoke of the victory of the Lord Christ in the lives of young women.

Sunday evening Miss Maria Gibson led the devotional service. In the absence of Dr. Ed F. Cook and Dr. J. M. Moore, Miss Elinor Stafford Millar, a native of Melbourne, Australia, now a member of the faculty of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, filled the hour. Her daily Bible studies had already brought such searching, illuminating messages from God's Word and from life that her large audience was with her from the beginning. And the power of God was upon her and upon the congregation as she told the story of her evangelistic work among the miners in the gold fields of Australia.

An overflowing audience shared in the service of the consecration of the deaconesses on Monday evening. The new Council hymn for 1912, "Hark, the Song of Jubilee," was sung as a processional by the deaconesses, the foreign mission candidates, and the field workers, whose voices as they entered brought a solemn hush upon the congregation.

After the devotional service led by Dr. Pinson, Bishop Hendrix addressed the deaconesses. He spoke of the royal scarlet thread found in every inch of the British cordage, from the slenderest rope to the stoutest cable, so that the sailor wherever he is in service may remember that he is on the King's business, that he must give ready, unquestioning obedience, and that all the power of the British Empire is pledged to his protection. Because the scarlet thread of Christ's petition is wound in every prayer of a child of God, he can be ever in

hailing distance of the throne. Miss Bennett presented the eleven young women, and the bishop conducted the service which set them apart for the office of deaconess in the Church. Mrs. MacDonell presented their certificates, and Miss Gibson and Miss Haskin offered prayer for the young women. Miss Bennett spoke words of cheer and admonition to them as to their mission to make known the Christ. As each young woman modestly, briefly told of her reasons for deciding upon this definite service, prayer as tender as a mother's entreaty went up from many a heart that the Lord of the harvest would help these young reapers to bind many sheaves in the white harvest fields to which they go with eager feet.

Tuesday evening the eleven young women appointed to the foreign field and the deaconesses and field workers again joined in a processional hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." Bishop Atkins conducted the opening service. The venerable Bishop Wilson preached from the text: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." It was a great message in a great hour. It will doubtless live forever in the hearts of the young women to ring again in hours of need and loneliness when, as the bishop expressed it, "The forces of a destructive and corrupt heathenism must be met with nothing but faith in Christ." "In that atmosphere there is no room for personal ambition or pleasure—nothing but work. Personal life must be adjusted to the character of our Lord. Against that the gates of hell never have prevailed and never can prevail. By your personal life more than by anything else will souls be brought to Christ. In the midst of drudgery be glad. If the angel Gabriel were sent down to sweep our streets as scavenger, I think he would come with a celestial song upon his lips, because he would say: 'God gives me this to do.' One can always look up in hope of the glorious appearing of the Lord. To hear him saying, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant,' is better than all the voices of earth."

Mrs. Cobb presented the young women to Miss Bennett, who introduced them to the audience. The personal experiences given by them revealed God's manifold and gracious leadings

through childhood training in Christian homes, in missionary societies and in Junior Leagues, by the prayers of consecrated fathers and mothers and the influence of faithful pastors. As Miss Gibson prayed a mother's blessing upon each one, there was a gentle hush over the house, and tears shone in many eyes. Doubtless each member of the Council felt herself a mother to each girl, and will follow her with love and prayer as she goes to the regions beyond.

The women of the Council have had generous hospitality shown them in many different cities of the Southland, to which they must ever remain gratefully indebted. But only Washington could make us the guests of the White House, and the gracious greeting given to the members of the Council and their visitors by President and Mrs. Taft on Tuesday afternoon in the East Room was a courtesy long to be remembered. This was the more deeply appreciated, because the shadow of bereavement was then hovering over the Executive Mansion in the probable loss of Major Archibald Butt in the sinking of the steamship Titanic. The last three days of the session were shadowed by this international sorrow. It made one's heart grow tender toward stranger and friend alike as we sat together in counsel and service, conscious of a kinship that calls out for recognition when great disasters befall our fellow men.

Washington kindness and hospitality; the self-sacrificing ministry of Mt. Vernon Place Church and the other Churches that from day to day served generous luncheons and did everything else possible for our comfort; the ever-watchful loving-kindness of Mrs. Henry W. Knowles, Chairman of the General Local Committee, and her corps of efficient assistants; the helpful courtesy of the ministers in attendance upon the sessions and of the young men in Dr. Clark's organized Bible Class; the beautiful, inspiring music; the lovely young girls, who made the best pages the body has ever had; the renewal of old friendships and the forming of new ties—all these are memories that will delight in years to come.

The presence of the venerable Bishop Wilson at several sessions was a benediction, and Bishop Hendrix, Bishop Atkins, and Dr. Pinson brought large cheer and help.

The visitors more than doubled the Council members in number, and were in faithful and earnest attendance upon the sessions. As a proof that they were not idle lookers-on, there was a request sent in signed by many visitors asking for definite and uniform plans of operation, voicing a cry for union by praying the Council to make binding the laws that unite the two departments of work.

Throughout the session it was evident that the spirit of union grows apace, and that love and faith find ways to remove the difficulties that unbelief may magnify. One of the returned missionaries voiced her feeling thus in the *Council Daily*: "I cannot tell the new joy and inspiration that have come during this Council meeting with the thought that I am no longer a representative of a Woman's Board of Foreign Missions only, but of the Woman's Missionary Council, which stands for disseminating the holy truth of our blessed and full gospel to all the world from the spot closest you, right on, with never a break, to the darkest corners of the earth."

Never have we had so many of our returned missionaries, deaconesses, and principals of institutions with us, and their presence was an exceeding joy. They magnified their work at the inspirational meetings held at different times. The members of the Council, busy in executive session or at committee work, missed much of what was told by these ever-welcome and honored representatives, but it was good to see the light of the morning radiant in their faces.

The *Council Daily*, with the resourceful Miss Mary N. Moore taking editorial charge of it upon short notice, and with Rev. P. W. Jeffries as business manager, was a valuable ally to the meeting; so was the Exhibit Room, with its books, charts, posters, and exhibits of handiwork from the industrial departments of some of our institutions.

Preëminent among the good things shared by all were the noon Bible studies conducted by Miss Elinor Stafford Millar. Her engaging personality, strong intellectual power, winsome, elusive Scotch humor, all are made into a wonderful dynamo by the Spirit of God for interpreting his Word and conveying its power. If the essentials of success about which she talked

to us—prayer, God's Word, personal work, the infilling of the Spirit of God—shall be placed first in the minds and hearts of the women throughout the Church; if Miss Bennett's repeated call to a deeper and more constant prayer life shall be answered by our busy workers, the session of 1913 in Birmingham will tell of great things Jehovah hath done for us, whereof the world shall be glad.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Mt. Vernon Church, Washington, D. C., for its second annual session, entered upon its first business session at 9:35 A.M., April 11, with the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, in the chair. The congregation joined enthusiastically in singing Charles Wesley's inspiring hymn: "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing." After the Apostles' Creed was recited in unison, Miss Bennett led in fervent, pleading prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit throughout the session. The thirty-third Psalm was read responsively, and the Gloria sung. Miss Gibson read the first thirteen verses of the eleventh chapter of Luke's Gospel, stressing the importance of prayer-taught and prayer-filled workers, lest work should be done in the energy of the flesh rather than in the power of the Spirit. She then led in prayer. Miss Bennett again brought to mind the truth that only as one is able to make really intercessory prayer can one meet the conditions of efficient, acceptable service. She announced Hymn 646, "Hark, the Song of Jubilee," as the Council hymn for 1912, and it was sung heartily.

The organization of the body was then entered upon. The roll was called and showed there were present all the officers and managers, thirty-four Conference representatives of the Foreign Department and thirty-two of the Home Department, one honorary life member, three honorary members. These were as follows, including Mrs. J. B. Hyder, representative of the Home Department, of the Denver Conference, whose coming in the afternoon session, and Miss Bettie Browder, alternate from the Foreign Department, Holston Conference, whose coming the following morning made the number thirty-five representatives from the Foreign and thirty-three from the Home Department:

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 White River...Mrs. J. M. Hawley....

The rules of order were read by Mrs. Parker.

Six seats in the center and three on each side were assigned to the Council members. Attention was called to the registration cards.

The Calendar Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, read the calendar rules, which were approved by the body.

The following young ladies were introduced as pages: Misses Olive M. Keyes, Louise Moore, Stuart Anderson, Gladys Zinn.

Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe, Vice President, was called to the chair, and Miss Bennett read her annual message. It was, upon motion, ordered published in the *Council Daily* and its recommendations referred to the various committees concerned therein. (See message, page 73.)

The minutes of the *ad interim* sessions of the Executive Committee were read by Mrs. Parker.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

1911-12.

May 5, 1911.

1. Mesdames MacDonell and Ross were named a committee to frame a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money by the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The Corresponding Secretaries and the Treasurer were appointed a committee to prepare a form for the Memorial Roll.

3. Mesdames MacDonell, Cobb, and Marshall were appointed to act with the members of the Board of Missions in preparing a form of credentials for missionaries. These credentials are to be sent to the missionaries in the field not already supplied.

4. It was ordered that every deaconess accepted by the Woman's Missionary Council be provided from the funds of the Council with a suitable costume for consecration.

5. A double bulletin was recommended for both Home and Foreign Departments.

6. Miss Howell's salary was increased to \$1,000.

7. A resolution was passed thanking Mrs. Hammond for her assistance on the *Missionary Voice* and stating that with the election of a second Editorial Secretary the interests of the paper could be served by the two Secretaries after October 1, 1911.

8. The Corresponding Secretaries were instructed to inform the Conference Corresponding Secretaries that the assessment for each auxiliary of not less than \$2 for the Scarritt Bible and Training School should be sent through the regular channel to the General Office during the quarter ending September 11, 1911.

9. The Treasurer was instructed to take charge of the Memorial Fund and to notify Conference Treasurers of this action.

10. The Memorial Fund for the year was applied to the Mary Black Hospital.

11. It was ordered that the Division Managers have supervision of both home and foreign work in one half of each division, the territory to be defined by agreement of the two Managers now occupying each division. One hundred dollars for expenses was allowed each Manager from both Home and Foreign Departments.

12. The expenses of the *Young Christian Worker*, to be shared equally by the two departments, was fixed as follows: Salary of editor, \$900; travel of editor, \$150; office expenses, \$150; agent, \$200. Total, \$1,400.

13. It was ordered that the funds to be received during the year from the Anadarko property, amounting to about \$15,000, be added to the appropriation of \$25,000 for the Girls' School at Rio. ✓

14. The Secretary of the Foreign Department was instructed to request the mission in Korea to return the amount in the treasury at Seoul to the Treasurer, Mrs. Ross, in Nashville, until the building in Seoul be authorized.

15. Fifty dollars from the Foreign Department was allowed for the office expenses of the Treasurer.

May 8, 1911.

1. Mrs. Luke Johnson was urged to continue in the office of Superintendent of Press Work, and was empowered to work out a policy for the Bureau of Press Work.

2. Miss Martha Nutt was assigned to the Indian work.

3. Adjustment of Guadalajara titles held by a trust company in Battle Creek was referred to a committee.

4. Mrs. Hammond was instructed to attend the Convention of Associated Charities in Boston.

5. Home salary for two years from the time she left the field was allowed Mrs. Carney.

6. Miss Riggins' case was referred to the Executive Committee, with the advice that the committee retire her with a salary of \$150 for the year.

May 24, 1911.

1. Miss Nutt having declined to accept work among the Indians, her refusal was interpreted as a resignation from employment as a missionary, and the resignation was accepted by the Committee.

2. Dr. John Trawick, of Louisville, Ky., was appointed Chief Medical Adviser for the Council, and his recommendation of a Central Medical Advisory Committee was indorsed.

3. It was ordered that a missionary's traveling expenses be paid when she is sent to a special physician for examination, and that the Conference sending the candidate meet the preliminary examination.

4. The request of South Georgia for permission to apply its half of dues to the beginning of an endowed deaconess scholarship, \$300 to the Macon Door of Hope, and the remainder to the debt on the Vashti Home was granted.

5. The request from North Carolina for permission to apply a part of its half of dues to the support of a deaconess was not granted, the Executive Committee having no authority to reverse the action of the Council.

6. The Secretary of the Home Department was authorized to order one hundred copies of a book on "Settlement Work" from Southend House, Boston, to be sold at 75 cents for a cloth binding and 35 cents for paper.

7. It was ordered that Miss Mary Helm be requested to write a history of the Woman's Home Mission Society, the same to be financed with the receipts from the sale of the "Life of Lucinda B. Helm," and that Mrs. F. A. Butler be requested to complete the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

June 15, 1911.

1. The proposed constitution for Christian Education Federation of Missions in Korea was read and amended, the first two lines being combined to read, "Missions having secondary or higher education for girls or women shall each be entitled to one woman representative who shall have full membership in the Senate."

2. On considering the plan of work of the Federation of Woman's Boards, it was agreed that the division centers should be so changed as to bring one center nearer the center of work in the South.

3. The Executive Committee advised the payment of \$87.50 demanded by the teacher appointed to succeed Professor Olivarez in Saltillo.

4. Inasmuch as the Training School touches vitally the life of the work, the request of the Missouri Conference for permission to use its half of dues to add to the library of the Scarritt Bible and Training School was granted.

5. The name "Virginia K. Johnson Home" was indorsed for the new building in Dallas.

6. Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Acton, Mrs. Todd, and Mrs. Maddox were appointed to represent the Council in the Federation of American Workers in Oriental Missions on the Pacific Coast.

7. The action of the Deaconess Committee in the case of Miss Mary Ogilvie was indorsed by the Executive Committee.

June 21, 1911.

1. The \$1,000 offered by South Georgia for the work in Choon Chun was accepted, provided permission could be secured from the members of the Council to rescind the action of that body in regard to Choon Chun taken at its last annual session.

2. It was agreed that the Woman's Missionary Council should affiliate with the movement for federation of missions. The Executive Committee cast a vote for New York as the domicile of the National Advisory Committee of the Federation and for Nashville as the center of the Southeastern District.

3. Mrs. Cobb was appointed to represent the Council at the meeting of the Southern Extension Committee at Monteagle.

4. Miss Davies was appointed to represent the Council in the party conducting the fall Jubilee Campaign.

5. Two hundred dollars was granted Mrs. McClendon as her retirement stipend. X

6. It was ordered that reports from the field be sent to the donors of scholarships and Bible women funds at least once a year. Upon failure to report, these scholarships or Bible women's funds should be turned into some other station.

7. It was ordered that there shall be a Building Committee at mission stations where building is proposed, and that specifications and estimates shall be sent to the office for approval before the building is commenced.

8. The request of the Memphis Conference for permission to use its half of dues for an organizer and a deaconess scholarship was granted.

August 12, 1911.

1. Eleven hundred and fourteen dollars from the contingent fund was appropriated for accumulated taxes on property at Ribeirao Preto.

2. Uniform report blanks for estimates and quarterly reports of the missionaries were ordered to be prepared. The Treasurer and two Corresponding Secretaries were instructed to formulate report blanks to be used by all who travel for the Woman's Missionary Council. 6

3. The two Corresponding Secretaries were requested to prepare organization blanks for unified adult auxiliaries.

4. Miss Roberts was allowed the amount necessary to meet the indebtedness at Saltillo after using the surplus in the transfer fund.

5. Miss Wagner was authorized to use her surplus to pay for a new roof on Holston Institute.

6. It was recommended (1) that a home for missionaries and a day school be built on the Hill property in Seoul, Korea, as soon as plans and estimates can be approved by the Executive Committee of the Council; (2) that the institution of a boarding school be postponed until

it is demonstrated that Songdo and Wonsan cannot meet the need; (3) that the Carolina Institute be used as a center for Bible woman's work.

7. The privilege was granted the Baltimore Conference of using \$250 of its half of dues to assist in the erection of a room in connection with the Wilkins's Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md., the room to be used for institutional features of work conducted by the Baltimore City Board.

8. East Columbia Conference was granted permission to use its half of dues as follows: (1) An endowed deaconess scholarship, \$1,000; (2) Macon Door of Hope, \$300; (3) liquidating debt on Vashti Home, remainder of half of dues.

August 22, 1911.

1. Ten dollars was granted from the Foreign Department to the Southern Extension Committee for the fall jubilees and \$50 as its pro rata of expenses in connection with Ecumenical Conference at Toronto.

2. Resolutions were passed granting to Dr. Margaret Polk traveling expenses and home salary for one year after her return to this country, providing that six months' notice shall be given by either party before Dr. Polk's connection with the hospital is severed.

3. It was ordered that the interest accruing from the Hendrix legacy, about \$240 annually, be used for Bible women in China and Korea wherever there is need and for a scholarship in Scarritt Bible and Training School, these to be known as the Hendrix Bible women and the Hendrix scholarship. X X

4. Permission was granted the Missouri Conference to use \$180 of its half of dues for a deaconess scholarship and \$200 of the same fund for furnishing and equipping the Wesley House at St. Joseph.

5. It was agreed that Conference half of dues should not be used for scholarships for immature girls in secondary schools.

6. Two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated that Dr. Tra-wick might investigate climatic conditions in Mexico and the sanitary conditions of buildings used by our schools in that country.

7. Tributes to Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, Dr. G. W. Walker, and Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham were spread upon the minutes.

October 5, 1911.

1. Dr. J. M. Moore was given power of attorney in regard to accepting notes for \$16,000 as additional security on the payment of \$15,762.28 on the Anadarko property.

2. The report of the Committee on Indian Work recommended that school work be discontinued and evangelistic work be done. One hundred and thirty-eight dollars was granted to complete certain improvements on the home of the missionary.

3. Miss Layona Glenn was requested to defer her rest period in order to take part in the Jubilee Campaign.

4. The Treasurer was authorized to borrow at six per cent interest from the Retirement Fund whenever necessary to meet payments on drafts.

Midyear Meeting.

November 1-6, 1911.

1. The most important work of the midyear meeting of the Executive Committee was unanimously to indorse an advance movement among the women of the Church, the aim of the movement being to double the membership and offerings. A special committee to formulate plans and provide literature for this campaign was ordered, to consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Managers, Treasurer, Recording Secretaries, and two campaign managers.

2. Mrs. J. D. Hammond's resignation as Secretary of the Social Service Committee was accepted.

3. The form of report blank for Auxiliary Third Vice Presidents was amended, and the Third Vice President was authorized to use a new pledge card.

4. One thousand dollars from the Contingent Fund was granted the Rio School to meet indebtedness.

5. The Second Vice President of the Council was instructed to print loose leaf report blanks for Conference Second Vice Presidents, Adult Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents, Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers, also to send out sample sheets of record books.

6. It was ordered that the Third and Fourth Vice Presidents of Young People's Auxiliaries use the report blanks prepared for adults.

7. Certain changes in by-laws governing young people were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

8. As one-fourth of the fiscal year elapses before the annual meeting of the Council, it was ordered that the special work for the young people and for the children, with the definite amounts they shall be expected to raise, be decided upon at the midyear meetings of the Executive Committee and approved by the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

9. The Second Vice President of the Council was granted the privilege of preparing special literature for young people's societies whenever she has money in the treasury to pay for same from appropriation for her office. This special literature shall be edited by the Editorial Secretary.

10. The by-law governing the Committee on Social Service was referred to the Committee on By-Laws for revision with the following recommendations: That the number composing the committee be fixed at seven; that five constitute a quorum; and that the Editorial Secretary be added to the Committee.

11. The report blank for the Auxiliary Fourth Vice President was amended, and the Fourth Vice President of the Council was authorized

to make the report blank for the Conference Fourth Vice President conform with that of the Auxiliary Fourth Vice President.

12. It was recommended:

(a) That the former action of the Home Department providing for the maintenance of forty pupils in the Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex., free of charge be rescinded; that hereafter every applicant be required to pay the entrance fee of \$50 and that no further charges be exacted thereafter.

(b) That no applicant to this Home over twenty-two years of age shall be eligible for admission.

(c) That no male relatives shall be allowed to visit the inmates of the Home unless sent for by the Principal.

(d) That the relations sustained by the house physician to the Home shall be on the same professional footing that has been maintained by the physicians preceding her.

(e) In view of the physical and mental strain on the workers in the Home it was recommended that in addition to the annual vacation they be granted a midyear rest period of a week or ten days.

(f) The Secretary of the Home Department and the Treasurer of the Council were authorized to execute notes to Fakes Furniture Company for the amount of indebtedness on the furniture of the new building (Virginia K. Johnson Home), these notes to be payable in six or twelve months.

(g) Grateful thanks and appreciation for untiring help and consideration in the building and furnishing of the Virginia K. Johnson Home were extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cason.

13. It was recommended that the new building on the Hill property, Seoul, Korea, be named "The South Georgia Industrial and Literary Institute for Girls."

14. Subject to the approval of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, the following was adopted:

Inasmuch as the character of the work done in Laredo Seminary is more closely related to the home than to the foreign work,

Resolved, That the Laredo Seminary be leased to the Home Department of the Council for the nominal sum of \$1 per year for a term of five years, that department to operate it as a home mission school for the special benefit of Mexicans living in Texas and vicinity.

15. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write the Conference Corresponding Secretaries and also the missionaries at Laredo that the missionaries now in the Laredo School will retain their present relation to the Foreign Department.

16. It was ordered that when a special or standing committee fails to act and the time comes when action must be taken, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to act.

17. It was ordered that children's societies organized in either department before the Council meeting of 1911, having assumed a definite

pledge, may become missionary societies by dividing the membership fund, and may continue the pledges until the obligation expires. Thereafter the pledge or mite box fund must be divided on the basis of forty per cent to the Home and sixty per cent to the Foreign Department.

18. It was ordered that the aim of the Fourth Vice President of Auxiliaries shall be to enlist all the women in the local work of the Church and the study of social service, and that a full report of the work and the money received and expended shall be made by the Corresponding Secretaries of both departments.

19. It was ordered that it shall be the duty of the Secretaries of any of the departments of the Council to confer with the Editorial Secretary as to the amount of literature to be provided.

20. In order to enlarge the quarters of the Wesley Home at Biloxi, Miss., it was recommended that a portable house be purchased and placed on the grounds, if the consent of the owner can be secured, with the understanding that the house will be moved whenever the Council ceases to lease the property.

21. It was deemed unwise to break a rule for deaconesses; hence the request of a foreign missionary concerning waiving law number two was not granted.

22. It was recommended—

(a) That Miss Mary E. Smith's deaconess certificate be renewed, and that she be appointed to do such field work as the Council may call upon her to do.

(b) That Miss Elizabeth Hughes be appointed to Albany, Ga., to serve the Home Mission Society in its organized city work.

(c) That Miss Annie Welsh be appointed to the Institutional Church, Kansas City.

(d) That Mrs. W. G. Catlin be appointed to St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo.

(e) That the resignation of Miss Addie Mitchell from the work and the office of deaconess be accepted.

(f) That Miss Edith Fuess be appointed to Springfield, Mo., as Church deaconess.

(g) That Miss Mollie Womack be sent to Meridian, Miss., to the Wesley House.

23. The \$550 appropriated to the Indian Work and not needed there be appropriated to the workers in Chun Choon.

24. It was ordered that a systematic educational campaign on temperance be included in the Department of Social Service.

25. The following recommendations from the Committee on Literature were passed:

(a) That instead of giving space for advertisements in the columns of the *Missionary Voice* we express ourselves in favor of raising the price from fifty cents to one dollar.

(b) That the thanks of the body be expressed to Mrs. F. A. Butler for her work of love in the preparation of the history of the Foreign Missionary Society.

(c) That the Home Department publish one thousand copies of Mary Elizabeth Smith's new book, "The World Mother."

26. In accordance with Article V. of By-Laws governing the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions, it was ordered that the Executive Committee appoint a representative to visit the work of the Council in Mexico and Brazil in the near future.

27. Mesdames Cobb and Marshall were appointed to visit Mexico in February, and Misses Bennett and Gibson to visit Brazil after the annual meeting.

28. It was ordered that there shall be a Board of Physicians to exercise medical oversight and supervision, Dr. John Trawick, of Louisville, Dr. Robinson, of Kansas City, and one other to constitute this Board; that each applicant shall have medical examination by a physician, preferably one familiar with her physical record and that of her family. She shall fill out two blanks, one to be sent to Dr. Trawick and one to the Principal of the Training School to whom the application for training is made. Before appointment to the field the papers of all candidates must be referred to the Board of Physicians.

29. In accordance with the previous action the Specials for Young People and Children were fixed as follows: In the Foreign Department—for young people, the Girls' School in Rio; amount desired, \$10,000; for both divisions of the Children's Department, the kindergarten and day schools of the foreign fields; amount desired, \$15,000. In the Home Department—for the Junior Division, the remodeling of the Ruth Hargrove Institute dormitory; amount desired, \$3,000; for the Baby Division, maintaining the Wesley Home and School at Tampa; amount, \$3,500.

30. The Secretary of the Home Department was instructed to confer with Mr. Bishop as to the best disposal of the bequest (in real estate) to the Vashti Home. X ✓

31. The building of a gardener's four-room house at the Virginia K. Johnson Home was authorized.

32. The "Accepted Rules for the Local Committee of the Virginia K. Johnson Home" were amended by inserting as item two, "This committee shall have no authority over the officers of the Home except in an advisory capacity."

33. (a) Louisville Conference was granted the privilege of using \$500 of its half of dues for building purposes in connection with the Wesley House of Louisville, Ky.

(b) The South Carolina Conference was granted the privilege of using that portion of its half of dues necessary to defray the traveling expenses of a field worker and \$450 appropriated some years ago to the West End, Georgetown, and North Augusta parsonages, but never called for and not now needed, to make the last payment on the Clemson College parsonage.

(c) The Texas Conference was granted the privilege of applying a portion of its half of dues on the debt on the Denton Dormitory and the remainder on the School of Missions.

November 15, 1911.

1. Mrs. Hume R. Steele was appointed to plan and push the Forward Movement Campaign for six months, receiving therefor a salary of \$75 per month, besides office expenses.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department was empowered to instruct Mr. Mohn to purchase three lots at the rear of the Ruth Hargrove Institute for the sum of \$2,750.

3. Mesdames MacDonell and Ross were authorized to negotiate a loan for \$2,750 for the above purchase.

4. Miss Bennett, Mrs. Cobb, and Miss Davies were authorized to represent the Council at the Ninth International Conference of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., February 28, 29, 1912.

5. The Secretary of the Foreign Department was authorized to arrange for a meeting of the missionaries in Mexico during her visit there either in the several Conferences or for a general meeting of all.

6. In response to a request from the American workers among the Orientals on the Pacific Coast, the Secretary of the Home Department was instructed to communicate with the authorities in Washington, D. C., asking that steps be taken to insure the Hay Treaty.

January 9, 1912.

1. It was ordered that the distribution of the literature of the woman's work be left in the Editorial Department, and that the appropriation for help in that department be increased.

2. It was ordered that the manuscript of "Work in Korea" be examined before any action can be taken regarding it.

3. In answer to a request from Korean missionaries, it was recommended that while the cost of building a boarding school at Seoul, Korea, should be kept within the original appropriation the plan should be enlarged that the number of boarders may not be limited to sixty.

4. It was ordered that the property of the Home Department located at 701 South Carroll Street, Dallas, Tex., be so improved as to be placed on the market for sale, these improvements to consist in laying out and grading streets through the property, laying of curb and gut-

ter and sidewalk, laying of sewage, water, and gas pipes; that some arrangement be made whereby money might be borrowed on the property to make these improvements, the same to be paid back as soon as the lots are sold; that these improvements and sale be placed in the hands of a committee in Dallas consisting of Judge Rufus Porter, Mr. Stemmens, and one other.

5. It was agreed that the Home Department should meet its pro rata of the expense of the room recently added to the Wesley House at Biloxi, Miss.

6. It was ordered that the Wesley House in Bristol be closed as a place of residence; that the night school there be closed; that the deaconess who is to assume some duties as Church deaconess for the State Street Church be boarded in the city; and that such institutional features as are practicable be kept up at the Wesley House.

7. Miss Sue Lyons was appointed assistant to the pastor at First Church, New Orleans.

8. Mrs. MacDonell was authorized to stop in Meridian on her way to New Orleans to look into the work there.

9. Two committees were appointed to revise the record books in each department and to draft a plan for a union record book, the same to be submitted to the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer of the Council.

10. The First Vice President and the two Corresponding Secretaries of the Council were instructed to prepare new forms for blanks for children's work.

11. Miss Head was instructed to attend the "World in Cincinnati."

January 12, 1912.

1. The Foreign Department was authorized to pay the salary of Miss Lowe for the quarter ending with December.

2. The amount necessary for the purchase of a cemetery lot in Seoul, Korea, was appropriated.

3. As Mrs. Cobb would be in Mexico in February, Mrs. Chappell was appointed alternate to the Conference of Woman's Boards.

4. The Foreign Department was authorized to pay its pro rata of three dollars toward the expense of the Conference of Woman's Boards.

5. The appropriation to the Mary Helm Hall was increased \$25 a month to meet the need, as the superintendent finds necessary. The increase is to begin with January 1.

6. The Fourth Vice President was instructed to attend the meeting of the National Child Labor Committee in Louisville, Ky., January 25-28.

7. Rev. J. E. Jeffries was appointed business editor of the *Council Daily*.

January 23, 1912.

1. Mrs. W. F. Barnum was appointed calendar clerk for the annual meeting.

2. Miss Dolly Crim was given the privilege of using a scholarship at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

3. The Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department was instructed to write a deaconess that inasmuch as she had been advised before coming to the Workers' Conference that the Council could not meet the expenses of the trip, it cannot now do so.

4. It was agreed that Mr. Moln should be instructed to rent land in Key West at \$8 per acre, to put up a portable school, and to employ a teacher.

5. It was agreed that the Secretary of the Home Department should wire and write Bishop Waterhouse and Mr. Acton regarding a conference to be held with Dr. Hall, of the Presbyterian Church, concerning Oriental matters on the Pacific Coast.

6. The Secretary of the Home Department was instructed to write Mr. Nickolson that the Council is committed to putting up an administration building in Brevard, and has no funds for the purchase of other property.

7. Inasmuch as Miss Gibson and Mrs. Barnum were present when the Executive Committee declared itself unalterably opposed to carrying advertisements in the *Voice*, Mrs. MacDonell was instructed to wire them requesting their consent to rescind the action in regard to advertisements taken by that committee October 19, 1910, and to include in the telegrams the following resolution:

Whereas the annual statement of the *Missionary Voice*, after fifteen months' faithful effort without advertisements, shows a deficit of \$4,600, we recommend to the Executive Committee of the Board that _____ pages of advertisements, carefully censored by a committee, be inserted in the *Voice*.

8. A committee was appointed to read the history of the Home Mission Society prepared by Miss Mary Helm, to decide upon the usefulness of the book to the work of the Council, its acceptance, and publication. The details of the publication were left to Miss Mary Helm.

January 26, 1912.

1. Two hundred and fifty dollars to meet an emergency in supplying water at Petropolis was ordered to be sent at once.

2. The missionaries at Ribeirao Preto were granted the privilege of adjusting the difference in amounts paid for board by missionaries and missionary teachers during Miss Murphey's ill health.

3. It was ordered that the Nickolson Cottage at Brevard be purchased to meet the urgent need occasioned by the burning of the Aiken Cottage, and that \$900 from insurance on the latter be used as first payment on the former.

January 27, 1912.

1. Mrs. Abbott was instructed to make Mrs. Forsyth coprincipal of Virginia K. Johnson School, and Miss Susie Jeter was granted permission to remain at home until the time of the annual meeting.

2. A special committee was appointed by the President to make a digest of all laws pertaining to Council administration, the classified work of said committee to be furnished each member of the Committee on By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting.

Miss Bennett called attention to the fact that the action in regard to Laredo Seminary was conditioned upon the approval of the Conference Secretaries in annual session.

Mrs. Cobb made a partial report of the Foreign Department, stating that the report in full would be placed in the hands of the Council members. The part of the report relating to China was illustrated with charts, Mrs. Cobb's explanation graphically giving the location of the property there. The President asked that the remainder of the report be deferred until the afternoon session.

Rev. P. W. Jeffries, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church and Business Manager of the *Council Daily*, was presented, and made a statement in regard to the paper.

Thirteen of the new members of the Council were called to the front, introduced by the President with gracious words of greeting, and made to feel at home as the body rose to welcome them, singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The following ministers were introduced: Rev. William Acton, Superintendent of the work on the Pacific Coast; Rev. J. R. Andrew, Clifton Forge, Va.; Rev. G. W. Gaither, Beltsville, Md.; Rev. O. W. Lusby, Wesley Grove Circuit; Dr. F. J. Prettyman, presiding elder of the Washington District. Mrs. Henry Knowles, President of the Home Department of the Baltimore Conference Society and Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was presented to the body.

The hour having arrived for the noon Bible study, Miss Elinor Stafford Millar, originally from Melbourne, Australia, now a faculty member of the Moody Bible Institute and engaged in its extension work, gave the first of her series of Bible studies. After a brief, gracious greeting, she said that she wished to call every mind and heart away from everything

and everybody and any sense of strangeness to the thought of the hour. Announcing as her general subject "The Essentials of Success," she read 1 Peter iv. 7, "Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer," and announced prayer as the first essential. Jesus in times of greatest stress and responsibility, when life was hardest and heaviest, gave himself not to toil but to prayer. It is the hardest thing in these strenuous times ever to get alone with God. Even good things, coming as interruptions in hours of devotion, may cheat us of the best things. We hurry through prayer and hurry from prayer. After talking to God we do not wait to hear him speak to us. After calling the connection, as it were, we hang up the receiver, and so do not let the breath and voice of God refresh our spirits and warm our emotions. Emotion is not allowed its rightful place in our religious life. Love is an emotion, and the home is built upon it. Patriotism is an emotion, and the State is built upon it. In all true prayer there comes a psychological moment when the asking merges into the taking. It is simply taking hold of God's willingness. These searching truths were brought home to every heart by some illustrations from life experiences.

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Rev. J. R. Andrew.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock Miss De Etta Whitwell, deaconess, led the opening devotional service. Hymns 420 and 402 were sung. After leading in prayer, she read Mark iv. 26-29, drawing the lesson of patient, trustful waiting for the harvest of a faithful seed sowing. The President called the body to order. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Miss Simms sang "The Ninety and Nine."

Mrs. MacDonnell made the report of the Home Department (See report, page 106.)

Mrs. Cobb resumed the report of the Foreign Department, beginning with Korea. (See report, page 89.) Upon motion, a rising vote of thanks was given to both the Corresponding Secretaries for the full and inspiring printed reports in the

hands of the Council members which will allow them to bring the work of the year early before their Conferences.

Miss Bennett stressed the importance of a need mentioned in Mrs. Cobb's report: that scholarships and kindred methods of help give way to the better plan of adopting mission stations. Inquiries from the floor revealed the fact that South Georgia and some other Conferences would eagerly embrace the opportunity to enter upon this larger and better plan.

Mrs. Ross, General Treasurer, presented in an eloquent way the year's report, which was gratefully and enthusiastically received by the body. (See report, page 133.) The Council ordered the totals to be published in the *Council Daily*. Mrs. Ross and Miss Bennett strongly called attention to the point that the cost of administration for the Foreign Department was a fraction over five per cent, and for the Home Department, seven per cent, the total for both departments being only a small fraction over six per cent. Upon motion, the Treasurer was given a rising vote of thanks for the year's magnificent showing.

The committees for the annual session were announced as follows:

Committee on Missionary Work and Workers (in two divisions).—(1) City Missions and Deaconess Work: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.

(2) Candidates for Foreign Work: Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. R. P. Howell, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Mrs. Arch Trawick, Mrs. T. M. Clark, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. J. H. Glide, Mrs. C. M. Woodward, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Nina Wilson, Mrs. S. W. Hitch, Mrs. J. M. Hawley, Mrs. B. F. Holland.

Committee on Extension and Estimates (in two divisions).—(1) Foreign Department: Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. H. K. Gairdner, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Miss Nina Wilson, Mrs. M. L. Woods, Mrs. A. P.

Holt, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh, Mrs. W. T. McClure, Mrs. D. M. Smith, Miss Tula Daniel, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. J. H. Glide, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. Arch Trawick, Mrs. Comer Woodward, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. George Thornburg, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. T. B. Loggins, Mrs. S. W. Hitch, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. S. N. Brickhouse.

(2) Home Department: Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. James Atkins, Mrs. William Acton, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, Mrs. C. S. Bobo, Mrs. W. O. Brownfield, Mrs. J. G. Fearing, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. E. J. Peacock, Mrs. Nat. G. Rollins, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. H. R. Singleton, Mrs. W. W. Scales, Jr., Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Ada Lewis, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. H. E. Wall, Mrs. Turner, McBaine, Mrs. C. P. Fullerton.

Committee on Social Service.—Mrs. Arch Trawick, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. W. E. Graves, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. J. B. Hyder, Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. C. Sellars.

Committee on Children's Work.—Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. A. F. Watkins, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. Stella Tolleson, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. E. Bentley, Mrs. J. J. Dickey.

Committee on Young People's Work.—Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. T. B. Loggins, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. G. A. Nash, Miss Nelle Denton, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. M. Y. Stokes, Mrs. George Gross, Mrs. W. H. Turney, Mrs. George Thornburg.

Committee on Literature.—Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Arch Trawick, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Mrs. J. A. Spivey, Mrs. W. O. Brownfield, Mrs. T. B.

King, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. James Atkins, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Daisy Davies.

Committee on Laws.—Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. S. N. Brickhouse, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Z. A. West.

Committee on Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. Henry Knowles, Miss Annie F. Walker, Mrs. F. J. Prettyman, Miss Grace Jeffries, Mrs. W. V. Tudor.

Committee on Resolutions.—Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross.

Committee on Publicity.—Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Committee to Nominate the Standing Committees.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. S. W. Hitch, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. S. N. Brickhouse, Mrs. Z. A. West, Miss M. L. Gibson.

Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Mrs. W. F. Barnum.

Upon motion of Miss Head, Rule No. 9 of the Calendar Rules was changed to read thus: "Four copies of reports of all committees shall be furnished the Calendar Secretary, who, before the final reading, shall give one copy to the Recording Secretaries, one to the editor of the *Council Daily*, and one to the Committee on Laws."

Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe, Vice President of Children's Work, made her report and led a conference of methods. (See report, page 80.) Upon announcing the objects to which the gifts of the Junior and Baby Divisions were to be directed, she called upon Mrs. Cobb to tell of the day schools and the kindergartens in the foreign fields, and Mrs. MacDonell to speak of the needs of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, the Mary Helm Hall, of Alameda and the West Tampa School. It was stated that \$15,000 is needed in the Foreign Department from the children, and \$11,300 for the Home Department. Different inquiries developed the fact that the cost of day schools varies in different fields, and the conviction was again expressed, that shares in the support of missions schools rather than scholarships ought to be encouraged. The sentiment was expressed

upon the floor that there is greatly needed not only literature on general lines of work, but specific literature about the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the home and foreign fields—such literature as will bring our very own close to the hearts and minds of the children.

The First Vice Presidents of Conference Societies being called for by Mrs. Ratcliffe, the following ladies came forward and were introduced: Mrs. Goddard, of East Oklahoma; Mrs. Starr, of the Foreign Department, Virginia Conference; Mrs. Lewis, of the Home Department, Virginia Conference; Mrs. Barrow, of the Home Department, North Carolina Conference. Mrs. Downs, of Texas, gave some helpful suggestions as to the best methods of work among children.

Miss Head stated that an alternative Constitution had been sent out some months ago by the Epworth League Board, making provision for the work of the Missionary Council to be accomplished within the Junior League. Mrs. Parker stated that the plan of correlation brought out by the Epworth League Board and submitted to the Council in its session of 1911, while indorsed by the Committee on Children's Work, had not been recognized when the Constitution for that work was framed, but that an entirely different and independent Constitution had been put into operation, practically ignoring any plan of correlation.

The meeting was adjourned at five o'clock with a benediction by Rev. William Acton.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council met for its second day's session Friday morning, April 12, at 9:15 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The devotional service led by Mrs. William Acton, of Alameda, Cal., opened with the singing of Hymn 334, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," followed by prayer led by Mrs. J. H. Glide, of California. The twenty-third Psalm was recited in unison, Hymn 490, "Saviour, More than Life to Me," was sung, followed by a few verses from the twenty-seventh Psalm with

comments thereon, and the service closed with prayer led by Miss Bennett.

The roll was called, and, in addition to those present the preceding day, Mrs. J. B. Hyder, representative from the Home Department, Denver Conference, and Miss Bettie Browder, alternate from the Foreign Department, Holston Conference, answered to their names.

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The following young ladies were introduced as pages for the day: Misses Margaret Knowles, Pauline Jones, Elizabeth Trundle, Edith Prettyman.

The standing committees for the past year were read.

The following telegrams were read:

EL PASO, TEX., April 11, 1912.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, care Woman's Missionary Council, Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington, D. C.

Woman's Missionary Council, Washington, D. C., greetings. "Methodist Hymnal," Hymn 639. The women of the New Mexico Conference again extend to the Council a most cordial invitation to hold its next annual session in the city of El Paso, Tex., the metropolis of the great Southwest and the gateway into Mexico. MRS. W. B. GILLESPIE.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 11, 1912.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, Washington, D. C.

The Faculty and the five hundred and seventy-one students of the Ruth Hargrove Institute send greetings to the Council. A. W. MOHN.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to reply to these messages of greeting by letter and also to send greetings to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. M. H. Wightman, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Mrs. M. J. Brannon, Mrs. C. B. Aycock, Mrs. W. H. Kirkland, and Mrs. H. N. McTyeire.

Prayer was offered by Miss Gibson for these friends, strong helpers in the work, who are now passing through days of illness and sorrow.

Miss Davies read the report of her visit to the Triennial Conference of Woman's Boards of the United States and Canada, held in Philadelphia in February. Filled with the inspiration received at that great meeting, Miss Davies told of

the effect of the Jubilee and Post Jubilee Campaigns impelled by the four p's—praise, prayer, plan, push—of the influence of the Mission Study Classes and urged the Council to push the circulation of *Every Land*, the charming missionary periodical for children. She told of the plan as presented by Dr. Wilbur White for making *The Missionary Review of the World* a great interdenominational magazine, of the enthusiastic vote on the recommendation looking to a form of federation of woman's boards in the United States and Canada. Finally, after an interesting account of the various features of the Conference, she reported that in discussing salaries, outfits, refits, furloughs, and general care of our missionaries, it developed that the Council is considerably ahead of all the others in matters relating to the care of the workers. She spoke of the many congratulations received upon the united work of the Council and of how it is leading the hosts in what is doubtless to become the universal method.

Upon motion, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the *Council Daily*.

The report of the Standing Committee on Literature was read by the Chairman, Mrs A. L. Marshall.

Upon motion, the report was received.

The General Secretary, Dr. W. W. Pinson, was introduced, and spoke a few words of greeting, expressing his confidence in the Council and his anticipation of the heartening effect upon the Church of the spirit of unity and progress of the woman's work.

Miss Bennett called attention to the fact that the General Secretary is an *ex officio* member of the Council.

Mrs. Pinson was introduced and welcomed.

The report of the religious and social service of the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn., was read by Miss Estelle Haskin.

On motion, the report was received. (See report, page 181.)

The report of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School was read by Miss Maria L. Gibson.

On motion, the report was received. (See report, page 167.)

Recommendations from the reports of the Educational Sec-

retary and the Editorial Secretary were read and passed to the calendar for distribution to the proper committees.

Memorials from the following Conferences, South Georgia, Memphis, Northwest Texas, Little Rock, and from the deaconesses in Workers' Conference, were read and passed to the calendar for distribution.

The following visiting pastors were introduced: Rev. W. P. Johnstone, St. Paul's Church; Rev. Mr. Beasley, Easton, Md.; Rev. Mr. Kuhlman, Stirling, Va.; Rev. O. C. Bell, Del Rey, Md.; Rev. Mr. Richardson, Rockville, Md.

The President then introduced Prof. J. C. Lewis, President of Sue Bennett School; Rev. H. N. Whaling, Jr., pastor of the Institutional Church, Houston, Tex.; Rev. W. F. Griffin, Superintendent of Sailors' Rest, Gulfport, Miss.; Mrs. O. N. Abbott, Principal of Virginia K. Johnson School, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent Virginia K. Johnson School; Mrs. Hardie, Korea; Mrs. Williams, President Baltimore Foreign Missionary Conference, and Mrs. Richardson.

Announcements were made, and the business meeting closed.

Miss Millar then called the hearts and minds of all from the many interests of the day to the consideration of the second of the essentials of success. She gave as the three essentials prayer, Bible study, and the personal acquaintance of the Holy Ghost. All joined in singing the familiar hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." She then talked of God's approach to us through his Word, saying: "Know God in his Word that you may grow thereby. A soul that knows God through his Word will keep bright and on fire. Such knowledge is a safeguard against error. The brightest effect of a knowledge of the Word of God is in building up character. Deep breathing builds up the body by exercising the deep chest muscles; so deep in-breathing of the Word of God exercises the spiritual muscles. Having studied the Word, bring it into action in the slums and elsewhere by telling the 'old, old story.'" Finally recommending the careful, painstaking study of the Bible, reading, and rereading each book many times until filled by the words they vibrate within us, she closed with, "This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the

doom of sinners, the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its histories are true; its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, fervently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will open at the judgment, and be remembered for ever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents."

After prayer led by Dr. Pinson, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Prettyman.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at 2 P.M. with the devotional service led by Miss Bessie Houser. After singing of Hymn 415, "Faith of Our Fathers," she read from Psalm xxvii. 4. and gave a helpful Bible lesson on "Desire." After prayer led by Miss Houser, a solo was sung by Mrs. Shreve.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following missionaries from the field were then presented to the Council by the President: Miss Bessie Houser, China; Miss Layona Glenn, Brazil; Miss Eliza Perkinson, Brazil; Mrs. Fannie Brown, Brazil; Miss Mary Lou White, China; Miss Nell Drake, China; Miss May Treadwell, Mexico; Miss Estelle Hood, Brazil; Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Korea.

Miss Bennett then presented the following deaconesses from the field: Miss Adelle Patillo, Spray, N. C.; Miss Florence Blackwell, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Miss May Frankland, New Orleans, La.; Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Dallas, Tex.; Miss Nanette Hudson, Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Hattie Sellars, Richmond, Va.; Miss Mamie Reams, Clifton, S. C.; Miss Nell Rogers, Greensboro, S. C.

Recommendations from the Press Superintendent, Mrs. Luke Johnson, were read and sent to the calendar for reference to the proper committees.

Reports Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 of the Committee on Deaconess Work were read by Miss Haskin. Report No. 1 was received. Reports Nos. 2, 3, 4, containing recommendations, were referred to the calendar.

The report of the Commission on Indian Work was read by Mrs. H. B. Spaulding and referred to the calendar.

The report of the two managers of the central division was read by Mrs. E. B. Chappell, and received, the recommendations being referred to the calendar. (See report, page 160.)

The report of Mrs. Lee Britt, Manager of the Eastern Division, was read and received. (See report, page 158.)

Mrs. Luke Johnson, Manager of the Eastern Division, whose illness had enforced idleness upon her for many months, stated that she had no report, and expressed appreciation of the help received in her division from Mrs. Lee Britt and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

The report of Mrs. L. P. Smith, Manager of the Western Division, was read and received. (See report, page 160.)

The report of Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Manager of the Western Division, was read and received. (See report, page 161.)

Recommendations from the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department were read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb and referred to the calendar.

Reports Nos. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Deaconesses were taken from the calendar, read and, upon motion, adopted. (See page 183.)

Announcements regarding the following new books were made by Mrs. A. L. Marshall: "History of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," by Mrs. F. A. Butler; "Ji Yung, a Beautiful Gem," by Miss Janie H. Watkins; "Why and How," a descriptive narrative of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, by Miss Mary Helm; "In Bethany House," by Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith.

"In Bethany House" was also commended by Miss Bennett, Mrs. MacDonell, and Mrs. Siler.

"The Religion of Science," by Dr. J. W. Lee, just from the press, was recommended by Mrs. W. E. Graves.

Memorials were presented from the following Conferences and sent to the calendar for reference to the proper committees: From the Home Departments of the Little Rock, North Texas, Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi, St. Louis, Holston, Alabama, Western North Carolina, North Alabama, Arkansas, Central Texas Conferences, from the Foreign Departments of Virginia, Western North Carolina Conferences, from the Central Texas Conference signed by the Texas delegation, and from the Memphis Conference concerning the presenting of laity rights in the bulletin.

The following telegram was read:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 12, 1912.

Woman's Missionary Council, Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington, D. C.

Loving greetings. Read Matthew v. 13-16.

SARAH PINDALL WILFLY.

The Secretaries were instructed to reply to this message.

On motion, the Committee on By-Laws and Laws was granted permission to retire for a meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, Third Vice President, was called to the chair.

Upon motion, the editor of the *Council Daily* was instructed to cut the report of Miss Davies of the Conference of Woman's Boards of the United States and Canada that it might be re-reduced to the space assigned to it in the *Daily*.

Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Vice President in charge of young people's work, read the report of her department.

Upon motion, the report was received (see report page 83), and an open conference was conducted by Mrs. Grubbs.

Methods of work and plans for correlation with other organizations in the Church were discussed. Plans successfully used were outlined by several of the Secretaries.

After prayer led by Miss Gibson for all the young people and the plans for them, the service closed and the body went into executive session.

THIRD DAY.

Miss Mary Lou White, of Huchow, China, led the opening service, using 1 John i. as the scripture lesson.

At 9:25 A.M. the body was called to order by the President.

Misses Grace Roper, Lucile Pearson, Elizabeth Trumble, and Margaret Knowles were pages for the day.

Upon motion, the roll call was omitted.

The minutes of the afternoon session of Friday were read by Mrs. Parker, corrected, and approved.

The Calendar Secretary read Report No. 4 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work, and it was, upon motion, adopted. (See report, page 185.)

Miss Howell made the report of the Department of Sociology of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Special mention was made of the noon mission study class conducted every Tuesday by the Scarritt students in the Loose-Wiles Candy Factory, and Miss Bennett bore testimony to the spiritual quality of the activity of the Scarritt young women in this work. The report was accepted. (See report, page 179.) On motion, it was ordered printed in leaflet form.

The following committees were appointed: Mesdames Gairdner, Chappell, Stephens, Trawick, and West to deal with a special question connected with the mission in Brazil; Mesdames Glide, Grubbs, Hitch, Miss Wilson, and Miss Bennett to serve on a communication from Korea.

Mrs. Luke Johnson made her report as Superintendent of Press Work. It was received and its recommendations went to the calendar. (See report, page 164.)

Bishop Wilson, coming upon the platform, was introduced and was greeted by the body. His bright eye and vigorous voice seemed to deny his statement that he was getting to the end of his journey. Because of this feeling he wanted to look over the field and see the fruit of labors begun thirty odd years ago. Largely responsible for the beginning of woman's work in the Church, he rejoiced in its growth and varied activities. From the seeming turbulent conditions in various parts of the world he would draw only cheer, for all this stir and tumult is only the consciousness of God's presence and working in

the affairs of men. The day has come when every man, woman, and child must take part in the missionary movement. When every one is enlisted, the end will come and a conquered world will be at the feet of the Lord Christ. He would never bate one jot of heart or hope because the final victory is assured. Miss Bennett asked him to pray with the body. At the close of the prayer, some verses of "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord!" were sung.

Miss Bennett told of the first missionary impression made upon her years ago when Bishop Wilson, then Dr. Wilson, the first Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held a missionary mass meeting in Richmond, Ky., and upon that occasion brought Mrs. Trueheart, timid and reluctant, before a public audience. She expressed gratitude for the touch of Mrs. Wilson upon her life.

Mrs. Yarbrough made her report as Superintendent of Supplies. The report was received. (See report, page 166.)

Bishop E. R. Hendrix was introduced to the body.

The following greeting was read by Mrs. Parker:

The faculty and students of the Methodist Training School send cordial greeting to the Woman's Missionary Council now in session in the city of Washington. We pray daily that divine guidance may be granted, and that the ensuing year may be the best in the history of our Church. April 10, 1912.

Mrs. Grubbs, Second Vice President, was called to the chair.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, Third Vice President, made her report on Christian stewardship and mission study. The report was received (see report, page 85) and was followed by a conference upon these topics.

Many members gave the different ways in which the vital topic of stewardship is kept and emphasized before the auxiliaries throughout the Church.

When the topic of mission study was taken up, the fact was developed that the majority of the Council members were members of mission study classes. Many interesting experiences were given as to the methods and results of mission study work in various parts of the field. Perhaps most interesting of all was that of Miss Moore, who spoke briefly on the mis-

sion study class conducted by herself among the negro servants in her college household at Athens, Ala. Miss Head was asked to tell the results of mission study as they have come to the office. She summed these up as follows: Deeper interest, deeper prayer life, more giving, more cheerful giving, development of leaders, and of the calling forth volunteers. One-third of the Churches in the whole Connection have had mission study classes or have shown interest in the subject.

The recommendations on Mrs. Perry's report were read and sent to the calendar.

Miss Bennett took the chair. When she inquired as to whether there were any mission study classes among the Indians, Mrs. Hester, of Oklahoma, told of a large meeting during the past summer, where many Indian women were present and exhibited eagerness for literature.

Mr. B. P. Harrison, Congressman from the Sixth District of Mississippi, was introduced, and asked that he might speak concerning the immigrant work on the Gulf Coast. He was heard with interest. Gulfport was shown to be the strategic point in the larger development that must come to the whole country with the opening of the Panama Canal.

Bishop Hendrix was requested to tell of the work in Mexico. He expressed a hope that sympathy would be extended to the limitations of the Mexican people. There had been much development in that field since his episcopal visit nineteen years ago. He stated that President Madero, in a personal interview, had expressed his intention to give the advantages of education to the ignorant eighty per cent of the inhabitants of the country. The Bishop thought Mexico not ripe for the high ideals of its President, but predicted the final triumph of the Federal Government after strong measures have been adopted to quell the insurrections. At the stations visited by him the property is safe and the work of the women admirably done. Regret was expressed that the other schools of the Board of Missions are not equal to those administered by the Woman's Council.

The following members presented memorials: Miss Conway, from the Baltimore Conference; Mrs. Fowler, from the East

Oklahoma Conference; Mrs. Scales, from the North Mississippi Conference; Mrs. Bobo, from the West Oklahoma Conference; Mrs. Bourne, from the South Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. B. Hyder, from the Denver Conference; Mrs. George Gross, from the Southwest Missouri Conference; and Miss Head presented resolutions.

Mrs. Ratcliffe read the recommendations of her department of children's work.

Dr. H. B. Tudor, the first pastor of Mt. Vernon Church; Rev. Mr. Plyler, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, North Carolina; Mrs. J. B. Perry, long the President of the Home Department of the Baltimore Conference; Miss Jeffries, District Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Baltimore District; and many ladies from the Virginia, Baltimore, and North Carolina Conferences were introduced.

Miss Millar entered upon the third of her Bible studies based upon Proverbs xiv. 25: "A True Witness Delivereth Souls." We may judge our spirituality by our willingness to do personal work. When we are engaged in this service, it brings us into the companionship of John the Baptist, who came to do this specific work, of the apostles, who were sent forth for this purpose, of the Holy Spirit, who ministers to us that we may minister to souls, and of Jesus himself, who came as a witness of the Father. She closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Council met for its fourth day's session Monday morning at 9:25 o'clock.

The opening devotional service was led by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of Dallas, Tex., who read from Luke xvii. and gave a lesson on the anointing of Jesus.

Hymns were sung, and the service closed with prayer led by Mrs. Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. A. F. Watkins.

The presence of a quorum was ascertained by count of those present.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read by Mrs. Siler and approved as read.

Miss Bennett took the chair.

Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, of the East Oklahoma Conference, having left the city, Mrs. W. R. Greer took her seat in the body.

The following were the pages for the day: Misses Verdie Maupin, Zadie Leith, Edith Prettyman, Catherine Smith.

The financial report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School was read by Miss Gibson. Miss Gibson reported that thanks to a gift of \$4,000 received in February, the outstanding indebtedness of the school had been met, though the school is still in debt to Mr. J. S. Chick, Treasurer of the Board, to the amount of \$2,500.

On motion, the financial report was received. (See report, page 174.)

By request, Bishop Hendrix spoke of the need of the Training School of an increase in endowment and scholarships.

Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on By-Laws was read by the Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read by the Chairman, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, and placed on the calendar.

Appropriations for Shanghai District were read. Miss Tsao, for whom appropriation was made, is the first Chinese woman to be placed at the head of a department. She is splendidly equipped, having had two years at Cotter College, two years at Wellesley, and two years at Columbia University. Appropriations for Soochow District was read. The appropriations for Shanghai and Soochow were placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, was read by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and placed on the calendar.

Report of the Secretary of Extension Work among the negroes was read by the Secretary, Miss Mary De Bardeleben. On motion, the report was received. (See report, page 124.)

Report of the Forward Movement was read by Mrs. H. R. Steele.

In response to questions it was found that the literature has been distributed and the women aroused, that prayer is being

made for the movement, and the work pushed. Gratifying results were reported, chief among them that genuine revival spirit had followed institute work in some places.

On motion, the report was received. (See report, page 157.)

A resolution regarding the Trueheart lectureship was read by Mrs. S. W. Hitch and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Fourth Vice President was read and received (see report, page 88), after which an interesting discussion on the methods of work in the Department of Sociology was conducted by Mrs. Trawick. The good to be accomplished by social service in the foreign land, as well as in the home, was stressed, and the principle of the whole discussion was practical Christianity, the prevention rather than the cure.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was read by Miss Howell and placed on the calendar.

Miss Head, referring to calendar rule No. 2, moved that time be allowed to bring in resolutions and memorials. The motion prevailed.

Resolutions were then read by Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. Z. A. West, of North Alabama, and by Mrs. J. J. Dickey, of the Kentucky Conference, and placed on the calendar.

Recommendations were read by Miss Daisy Davies and placed on the calendar.

It was moved by Miss Gibson, seconded by Miss Davies, that the body meet in executive session at 1:45 P.M. at McKendree Church. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Gilbert, a leader in the home mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and gave a cheering message.

Letters from Bishop Murrah and Dr. J. M. Moore expressing regret because of their inability to attend the Council meeting were read by the Secretary.

Committees were called for the afternoon and announcements made.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Millar for the half hour of spiritual refreshing. Miss Millar continued her "discussion of 'Essentials of Success,'" giving as the secret of abid-

ing in Christ : (1) Renunciation of self; (2) vital contact with Jesus; (3) feeding upon the Word of God. The joy undisturbed by tempest or difficulty to be found in a life abiding in Christ was clearly portrayed, and the power of God to transform one's life was shown in the selfish will changed to desire the will of the Father.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Miss Nell Drake, of Soochow, China, led the opening devotional service, beginning at 9:30 A.M. After the opening hymn was sung, she read from John xiv. 27, and defined and described the peace given by Christ to his disciples. Hymn 495, "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows," was sung and Miss Drake led the prayer.

Miss Bennett took the chair. Before entering upon the business of the day, she asked that special prayer be made for the friends and loved ones of those hundreds of persons who had perished in the going down of the steamship Titanic on Monday. Mrs. W. F. Alexander led in fervent prayer for the stricken hearts and homes.

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of Monday's session were read and approved.

Miss Zaidee Leith was page for the day.

The followings resolution was read by Mrs. L. G. Johnson :

Whereas the morning dispatches show that a dreadful disaster has fallen upon many of our countrymen in the loss of hundreds of lives in the wreck of the steamship Titanic, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in annual session assembled in Washington, D. C., do express our deepest sympathy with those who are bereaved and pray that the God of all love and mercy may grant the comfort of his grace to all upon whom the shadow of great sorrow has fallen.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
MISS BELLE BENNETT,
MISS MARY N. MOORE,
MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON.

Upon motion of Mrs. J. J. Dickey, a special committee was ordered to draft resolutions on the passing of Miss Clara Barton, the Florence Nightingale of America. Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Britt were appointed on this committee.

The report of the Foreign Department on Estimates and Appropriations for Korea and Brazil had its first reading by Mrs. Cobb.

Report No. 2 of the Committee of the Home Department on Estimates had its first reading by Mrs. Singleton.

The report of the Committee on Children's Work was read by Mrs. P. C. Archer.

Report No 1 of the Committee on By-Laws was read by the Calendar Secretary, and the third reading was called for. After discussion, the report was, upon motion, recommitted, but opportunity was given by the chair for explanation of the report and expressions of opinions as to its practical workings.

Bishop James E. Atkins was presented to the body and extended most cordial greetings. He brought loving greeting from Mrs. M. J. Branner and paid a beautiful tribute to her fidelity, saying he had never known a woman who had laid all her ransomed powers upon the altar as Mrs. Branner had done for forty years, serving in both home and foreign mission work with undivided and loving zeal. Many hearts joined him in his closing wish: "May God multiply her kind in our Church a thousand fold."

A resolution was read by Mrs. Atkins as to future plans for the annual sessions of the Council and sent to the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee of the Foreign Department on Estimates had its second reading. During the report Mrs. Cobb announced that a gift of \$1,000 to a chapel at the new industrial building in Soochow had been made by Miss Nellie Newman Neville, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Walter Dye, of Norfolk, in memory of their parents, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Neville and Mr. George Lemuel Neville.) X

The action of the committee upon the resolutions regarding the Union Woman's College and the Union Bible Training School in the Yang-Tse Valley of China was accepted. Miss Houser, by request, spoke to the subject, setting forth the scope and desirability of these institutions. It was interesting to know that during the troublous times in Nanking Miss White, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Nanking, and her pupils had found shelter and a place to work for two

months at the McTyeire School. Miss Nell Drake also spoke to the subject.

The report was, upon motion, adopted. (See report, page 201.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension, Home Department, was read.

On motion, Item 6 was amended by making the last line read, "to go into effect at the close of the scholastic year, 1913."

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 193.)

Mrs. B. F. Lewis, of Mississippi, was extended the courtesy of personal privilege and entered a strong protest against the report of the committee, which had not seen fit to grant the desired appropriation to the Gulf Coast work.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was taken from the calendar. Mrs. Trawick, Chairman of the committee, moved to substitute a change of subject for the year's studies in Item 4, and it was, upon motion, so ordered.

The report, upon motion, was adopted as amended. (See report, page 189.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension, Home Department, was read and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read by Mrs. Sullins and placed on the calendar.

Bishop Atkins was asked to speak a word in behalf of Brevard Institute, as Professor Trowbridge, Principal of the Institute, had had to leave the city without opportunity of bringing that institution before the body. The bishop spoke in warmest commendation of the people among whom the institution is located, as being of the purest Scotch-Irish blood in the nation and capable of the finest possibilities.

By request Miss Houser came before the body to try to visualize to its members the crowded conditions amid which the pupils and teachers of McTyeire School carry on the work.

At this juncture a large number of visitors from the Louisville, the Virginia, and other Conferences were introduced.

A resolution regarding the changing of By-Laws, signed by a number of ladies, was read by Mrs. Hitch and sent to the Committee on By-Laws.

Mrs. E. B. Chappell read the report of the Committee on Candidates. When that part of the report relating to qualifications needed in missionary candidates was reached, Miss Mary Moore, by request, spoke to that subject. The young ladies appointed to the different fields came up to the chancel as their names and appointments were read, and the body rose to greet them.

The report of the committee was, upon motion, adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES FOR FOREIGN WORK.

Your committee brings to you for acceptance and consecration the names of fifteen young women who have completed the prescribed course of training, and are now ready to represent you in China, Korea, Brazil, and Mexico.

The only regret is that the demands from the fields cannot be met because, instead of thirty women needed, we have only fifteen to offer. The call from all fields is for the well-equipped woman. Our schools are raising their standards, and the class of patronage is coming to include the middle and high grade as well as the charity class. If we are ready to meet this great opportunity, we must appeal to the woman of culture of mind as well as of heart. God grant that there shall be an increasing number of the best young lives of our Church who will consecrate time and talent to the need of humanity in the lands beyond!

Your committee would express its high appreciation of the privilege of serving in this capacity, and submits the following nominations:

BRAZIL.

Miss Eva Louise Hyde, supported by Missouri Conference.

Miss Maggie Lee Kenney, supported by Pacific Conference.

Miss Lucy Henderson, supported by South Georgia Conference.

KOREA.

Miss Bessie Oliver, supported by South Georgia Conference.

Miss Laura V. Summers, supported by North Georgia Conference.

Miss Carrie F. Minor, supported by St. Louis Conference.

Miss Mae Owings, supported by South Carolina Conference.

CHINA.

Miss Theodosia Wales, supported by North Georgia Conference.

Miss Alice Green, supported by North Carolina Conference.

Miss Nina Troy, supported by Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Flora Herndon, supported by North Georgia Conference.

Dr. Ethel Polk, supported by South Georgia Conference.

Miss Edith Hayes, supported by North Alabama Conference.

MEXICO.

Miss Bessie Lee Wilson, supported by Tennessee Conference.

Miss Charley May Cunningham, supported by North Carolina Conference.

Miss Virginia Booth, of the West Texas Conference, and Miss Rachel Jarratt, of the Texas Conference, detained at home by health reasons last year, are now ready to go to their respective appointments—Mexico and Brazil.

Miss Bennett spoke briefly to the young women. It was good to have Miss Millar come in the atmosphere of this moment to bring a message from God's Word. "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung. Looking back upon twenty-six years of service, she was glad to bring a word to the outgoing missionaries as well as to the others present, a message about the presence and personality of the Holy Spirit. Using the eighth verse of the first chapter and parts of the second chapter of the Acts, she drew the following lessons: The Holy Spirit gives power for testimony and service; the human conditions of surrender, of perfect obedience, of earnest desire must be met ere he can come in all his power; the Holy Spirit has and gives only one theme—Jesus the name high over all. There is only one baptism—there may be many infillings of the Holy Spirit. This gracious lesson was closed with prayer by Miss Millar.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Council met for its sixth day's session Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Miss Bennett in the chair.

The opening devotional service, led by Miss Layona Glenn, consisted of Hymn 78, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," and prayer followed by lessons from the third and the tenth chapters of Revelation, showing the power of Christ to redeem and the joy to be found in the obligation of his followers to go and teach.

Special prayer for those afflicted by the awful disaster of the steamer Titanic was led by Miss Bennett.

The minutes of Tuesday's session was read and approved.

Opportunity for presenting memorials was offered.

The Special Committee on Brazil was granted permission to

continue indefinitely, the committee having found it impossible to finish its work before the adjournment of the meeting.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Literature was read by Mrs. W. H. Pemberton and placed on the calendar.

The privilege of reading the following paper from the visitors to the Council was granted Mrs. Luke Johnson.

We, the visiting members of Conference and auxiliary societies, holding dear as we do the one mission of the Church, to make known the Christ, and believing that our presence is an earnest of the great interest of our lives, do beg the Council now in session to grant us this voice.

We ask for definite and uniform plans of operation. It is our desire to come quickly to the place of one work. It is a cry that goes up for union. We, therefore, pray you to make binding the laws that unite us.

MRS. G. R. BARROW,	MRS. GEORGE WATERHOUSE,
MRS. J. K. MASON,	MISS ANNIE FISHBURNE,
MRS. W. H. SPEIGHT,	MRS. JOSEPH BARKMAN,
MRS. G. B. HESTER,	(MRS. T. P.) MAUD SYLER,
MRS. T. B. BISHOP,	MISS ELIZA GRACE JEFFRIES.
MISS MATTIE HUTCHISON,	MRS. J. D. VINSON,
MRS. JOHN N. GIBSON,	LAURA SUMMERS,
MRS. GEORGE A. BRUNNER.	LUCY HENDERSON,
MRS. HENRY KNOWLES,	FLORA HERNDON,
MRS. J. H. WATERS,	BETTIE SULLIVAN,
MRS. HUNTER SMITH,	MRS. E. C. DUNCAN,
MRS. W. W. HAGOOD,	MRS. E. B. MCCULLERS,
MRS. JAMES A. BELL,	MRS. F. K. BROWN,
MRS. E. L. HART,	MRS. F. A. WOODARD,
MISS DELLA DOWNING,	MRS. R. B. JOHN,
MRS. WILLIAM MELVILLE.	MRS. J. N. MCEACHERN,
MRS. HAROLD P. PAINTER.	MRS. COBB LAMPKIN.

The appreciation of the body was voiced by Miss Bennett for this expression of the splendid constituency represented by the visitors.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Social Service was read by Miss Vivian Conway and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Special Committee on Korea was read by Mrs. J. H. Glide and referred to the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates.

Foreign Department, and appropriations for Mexico were read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

Resolutions, memorials, and recommendations from the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, were read by Mrs. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, was read by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and referred to the calendar.

Dr. C. D. Harris, of the *Southern Methodist Advocate*, was introduced and spoke a few words of encouragement.

The report of the Commission on Indian Work, including action upon the same by the Committee on Extension and Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension, Foreign Department, were read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Extension, Home Department, was read by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and placed on the calendar.

Report of the special committee to prepare resolutions upon the death of Miss Clara Barton, Honorary President of the Red Cross Society, was read by Mrs. J. J. Dickey, and with a rising vote, after singing one verse of "Asleep in Jesus," the resolutions were unanimously passed.

Whereas the closing chapter of a long life well spent in the service of humanity ended with the death of Miss Clara Barton, the Florence Nightingale of America, the founder of the Red Cross, whose ensign waves in every land, be it

Resolved, That we, the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session assembled in Washington, D. C., express our appreciation of her philanthropic work, her humanitarian spirit in times of war and disaster, beginning with the Civil War and extending through the Cuban conflict, the disasters of Johnstown and Galveston, the yellow fever scourge in the South, and the many other ways in which she blessed the nation and helped to make the close of the nineteenth century a rosy dawn for the twentieth century—a woman's century.

MRS. JOHN JAY DICKEY,

MRS. LEE BRITT.

The report of the financial state of the Methodist Dormitory College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex., was read by Miss Davies. Upon motion, the report was accepted to be printed in the Annual Report as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METHODIST DORMITORY, COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS, DENTON, TEX., FROM JANUARY 1, 1911, TO JANUARY 1, 1912.

The indebtedness on the building stands as follows:

Bonds owned by Mission Home.....	\$ 5,000 00
Mortgage on Mrs. Smith's land.....	5,000 00
Ten bonds owned by J. W. Osburn.....	1,000 00

\$11,000 00

If these were paid, the smaller bonds, aggregating \$1,000, could eventually be paid from current expense fund, retiring some each year. Receipts from board of girls, piano rental, and assurance fees. \$5,981 80
Expenses for the year, including manager's salary, two cooks, gardener, dining room service, groceries, repairs, and improvements 5,655 34

Balance on hand, including assurance fees subject to last month's order of girls if they have not injured the property. (This fund is usually held from year to year until girl graduates.).....\$ 326 46

MRS. F. B. CARROLL, *Manager*.

Mrs. MacDonell presented copies of the first *Workers' Quarterly* for distribution, and Deaconesses Hudson and Patillo were appointed to secure subscriptions for the *Quarterly*.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, was read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

Action of the Committee on the Memorial from the Virginia Conference was read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

An addition to Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates was read by Mrs. MacDonell and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, on appropriations was read by Mrs. Nat Rollins and placed on the calendar.

The following request, read by Miss Mary Moore, was, upon motion, considered at once.

On motion, the request was unanimously granted as follows:

Realizing the necessity for proper planning of work of the Council daily well in advance of the annual session of the Woman's Mission-

ary Council, we do hereby request that the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council appoint the editor, staff, and business manager not less than six months before the annual session of the Council at which they are to serve.

MARIA L. GIBSON,
MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD,
MARY N. MOORE.

It was moved by Mrs. Brickhouse and seconded by several that the members of the Council constitute themselves agents for the *Council Daily* to secure as many subscriptions as possible before the next annual meeting. The motion prevailed.

Miss Gibson exhorted the women to secure subscriptions for an additional two hundred copies of the *Daily* in order to cover fully the expense of the paper for the present year and, if possible, leave a small balance to its credit.

It was moved and seconded that the price of the *Council Daily* be raised to 35 cents. The motion was lost.

Resolutions from the committee appointed to nominate the standing committees were read by Mrs. L. P. Smith.

On motion, the calendar rule was suspended and the resolutions considered at once.

The report was considered by items and adopted as read. (See report, page 218.)

A resolution was read by Mrs. W. T. McClure.

On motion, the rule was suspended and the resolution considered at once.

On motion, the resolution was passed as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend that each Conference Society adopt a Standard of Excellence for Adult Auxiliary Societies that shall emphasize all departments of auxiliary work; that we further recommend the one recently published in the *Home Mission Bulletin* with such modifications as shall meet the conditions in each particular Conference.

MRS. R. P. HOWELL,
MRS. GEORGE P. GROSS,
MRS. W. T. MCCLURE,
MRS. A. F. WATKINS,
MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD.

The report of the Committee on Literature on the *Young Christian Worker* was read by Mrs. A. L. Marshall and placed

on the calendar to be included in Report No. 1 of that committee.

A resolution relating to opening work in Africa was read by Miss Head.

General discussion of the expediency of entering Africa followed.

Bishop Atkins spoke of the great help to accrue to the black man at home by helping the black man in Africa and expressed the thought that the day dawns for Africa at home and abroad.

Mrs. MacDonell said that through the Secretary of Extension Work among the negroes at Augusta, Ga., it is hoped that the training of negro women for missionary work may be begun next fall.

Miss Bennett announced that one of the Council had just signified a desire to give to the African work \$5,000, upon which all joined in singing "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Dr. Pinson spoke to the question, showing how as members of the General Board of Missions the women of the Council would naturally coincide in any action taken by the Board, and that it would take time to make plans for opening missionary work in a new field.

Bishop Atkins said: "If we had dared to wait for a surplus in the treasury, Korea would not now be on the map, nor Cuba, possibly."

The previous question being moved, the vote was taken and the resolution adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session at Washington, D. C., 1912, send a communication to the Board of Missions in its annual session May 1 assuring it that if it is decided to open work in Africa the women will coöperate.

MRS. A. L. MARSHALL,
MABEL HEAD,
DAISY DAVIES,
MRS. ARCH TRAWICK,
MRS. W. F. BAERNUM,
MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD,
TULA DANIEL,
NINA WILSON,

MARY MOORE,
MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL,
MRS. J. E. GRUBES,
MRS. T. G. RATCLIFF,
MRS. F. D. SWINDELL,
MRS. A. F. WATKINS,
MRS. Z. A. WEST.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconess Work was read by Miss Haskin and placed on the calendar.

Deaconesses, city missionaries, and foreign missionaries consecrated the previous evening were called to the front to hear the reading of the appointments of the deaconesses and city missionaries. The appointments were read by the Presidents. (See appointments, page 404.)

First Corinthians i. was read and a charge given to the young women by the President, after which, while all stood with heads bowed, those newly appointed to the foreign fields sang Dr. Gladden's beautiful hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," all joining in the last verse.

After prayer for the workers, led by Bishop Atkins, committees were called and announcements made.

On motion, Report No. 1 of the Committee on By-Laws was placed on the calendar, the reading being omitted.

The business session adjourning to meet at three o'clock, all turned for a spiritual uplift to the last of the series of Bible studies led by Miss Millar.

"Saviour, Do Not Pass Me By" was sung. Taking the subject of the previous day, she drew the lesson of the great essential of success from Ephesians v. 18: "Be not drunk with wine, but filled with the Spirit." Be so filled with the Spirit that the thought life will be lifted above the daily cares. The results of the spirit-filled are found in the fruits of the Spirit. (Gal. v.) The secret of attaining this higher, holier communion with God is so simple. "He must increase, but I must decrease." The price of attainment is threefold: (1) A willingness to put out of your life the thing that hinders; (2) to ask "How much more will I give the Holy Spirit if ye but ask it;" (3) to claim it.

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 3:30 o'clock with a memorial service led by Mrs. E. B. Chappell in memory of Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnynggham, honorary life member of the Council, who was translated the previous summer. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," a favorite hymn of Mrs. Cunnynggham's, was

sung and a few verses from Revelation xxii. and from John xiv., passages loved by her, were read by Mrs. Chappell, who brought out clearly the lesson of the resurrection, and then paid a loving tribute to the dear friend who had so quietly fallen asleep. Resolutions passed by the Executive Committee and spread upon the minutes at the time of Mrs. Cunyngnam's death were read by Mrs. Z. A. West, and the service closed with a verse from "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Miss Bennett stated that during the meeting \$5,000 had been given for work in Africa, \$2,000 for the Scarritt Bible and Training School, \$1,000 as a memorial, \$1,000 for the sending out or keeping of missionaries, \$750 for either a school or a missionary, making a total of \$9,750, which should be raised to \$10,000 by the Council, though no collection would be taken.

Miss Bennett called attention to the *International Review of Missions*, an exceptionally fine periodical.

Miss Tula Daniel spoke of the *Menace*, a paper directed against an ecclesiasticism of this country, and published in Aurora, Mo.

Mrs. Marshall called attention to the charts.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, was read by Mrs. Cobb by request of the Calendar Clerk.

Miss Bennett stated that she had received a letter from Mr. Cram, of Korea, saying that Dr. Yun is in prison, and the outcome cannot be foretold.

By request, Dr. Harris, of the *Southern Methodist Advocate*, led in prayer for Korea, and especially for Dr. Yun.

The following resolution upon building in Korea was read and, upon motion, passed:

Resolved, That the erection of buildings in Korea shall be deferred until Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary, goes to the field and has opportunity to investigate conditions.

Appropriations for Cuba were taken from the calendar and read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb.

On motion, the appropriations were adopted as read. (See appropriations, page 215.)

Appropriations for Brazil were taken from the calendar and read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb.

Miss Layona Glenn stated the needs for Rio.

On motion, appropriations for Brazil were approved as read. (See appropriations, page 212.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Home Department, was read by the Calendar Clerk, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 195.)

The report of the Committee on Children's Work was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, Item 3 was amended by striking out the latter portion from "seeking to make."

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 216.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, Item 5 was amended by inserting "Home Mission Society" between the words "Carolina" and "Conference."

On motion, Item 6, relating to the Pacific, East and West Oklahoma, and Florida Conferences, was recommitted.

It was moved by Mrs. Britt and seconded by Mrs. Siler that Item 14, relating to Scarritt endowment, be recommitted, that the two Committees on Extension and Estimates might bring in a joint report.

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 195.)

The following resolution read by Mrs. Siler was passed unanimously.

The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in Washington, D. C., hereby records its appreciation of the recent order of the Commissioner of Indian schools, Hon. R. G. Valentine, by which the spirit and letter of the Constitution of our Government is maintained with respect to the establishment of religion by the State. Knowing the effect of the peculiar religious garb upon the minds of Indian children, we can but look upon the practice of the Roman Catholic Church in the public schools for Indians which are under contract with the Government as a propaganda for sectarian tenets. We look upon the action of Commissioner Valentine as a patriotic duty,

and we desire in this way to go on record as strongly expressing the hope that he will be sustained by the President of the United States.

MRS. FRANK SILER,	NINA WILSON,
MRS. FITZGERALD SALE PARKER,	MRS. A. F. WATKINS,
DAISY DAVIES,	MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD,
MRS. J. E. GRUBBS,*	MRS. R. P. HOWELL,
MRS. ARCH TRAWICK,	MRS. W. F. BARNUM,
MRS. T. G. RATCLIFFE,	MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL,
MRS. J. W. PERRY,	MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
MABEL HEAD,	MARY N. MOORE,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,	MABEL K. HOWELL,
MRS. F. H. E. ROSS,	

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, Item 5 was amended by adding the name of Miss Mabel Howell to the committee.

On motion, Item 6 was amended by striking out the word "women" and inserting the word "people."

On motion, Item 12 was amended by striking out the words "before Easter" and inserting the word "good" before Friday.

On motion, Item 13 was amended by striking out the words "by the Nominating Committee of the Council."

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 214.)

On motion, reports from the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, and from the Committee on By-Laws were placed on the calendar without reading.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet at 8 P.M.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened at 8:15 o'clock with Miss Bennett in the chair.

The devotional service led by Rev. P. W. Jeffries consisted of Hymn 416, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," a lesson from Romans xii., and prayer.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

The following resolution read by Mrs. Frank Siler was unanimously passed.

While the presiding elder, Rev. F. J. Prettyman, D.D., and the members of Mount Vernon Place Church have contributed largely to making

this session of the Woman's Missionary Council successful, yet we have regretted the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. V. Regester, and have sympathized with him in his illness. We pray for his speedy recovery and trust that the year of ministry upon which he has just entered may be richly blessed.

MISS M. L. GIBSON,

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS.

The financial report of the *Young Christian Worker* was read by Mrs. A. L. Marshall and received. (See report, page 153.)

It was moved by Miss Moore and seconded that the indebtedness of the *Young Christian Worker* be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion prevailed.

Upon the suggestion that the Conference Secretaries assume the obligation to secure a sufficient number of subscriptions to the *Young Christian Worker* to make it a self-supporting paper, the following pledges were made: North Alabama, 200 subscriptions; North Georgia, 100; Virginia, 100; Tennessee, 100; Little Rock, 100; West Texas, 100; Central Texas, 100; North Texas, 100; South Carolina, 200; Northwest Texas, 100; North Carolina, 100; Florida, 100; Texas, 100; California, 100.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Social Service was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 190.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates Foreign Department, was read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb, by request of the Calendar Clerk, and considered by items.

Appropriations for Mexico were read and, on motion, amended.

The following resolution read by Miss Tula Daniel was passed:

Resolved, That we regret very greatly not being able to purchase new property for the Mary Keener School in City of Mexico, and recommend the appropriation of \$6,000 for the rent and improved sanitation.

TULA DANIEL,

MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

Appropriations for Mexico, exclusive of salaries of new missionaries, were approved as amended. (See appropriations, page 210.)

The item of Report No. 3 regarding Miss Laura Lee was adopted as read.

The item relating to itineration in district was stricken out.

Item 1 of the section relating to the Training School was amended by striking out the words "\$4,000 and shall be divided between the Home and Foreign Department" and inserting "\$2,000" and "from the Foreign Department."

Item 2 of the same section was amended by inserting the words "not less than" before \$2.

On motion, the item relating to the entertainment of the Council was referred to the following special committee appointed by the President: Mesdames W. C. Sellars, Luke Johnson, and E. B. Chappell.

On motion, the fifth and sixth sections of the report were approved.

On motion, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, was adopted as amended. (See report, page 202.)

The report of the Committee on Literature was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, Item 1 was amended by adding "and one to each leader of a Young People's or a Children's Society."

It was moved by Mrs. Hooper and seconded by Mrs. Swindell that Item 2 be amended by inserting "in book form." The amendment was lost.

On motion, Items 2, 3, and 4 were approved.

On motion, Items 5 and 6 were stricken out.

It was moved and seconded that the item relating to a joint *Bulletin* be considered. The motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that the item relating to advertisements in the *Voice* be stricken out. The motion was lost.

On motion, the section of the report containing recommendations from the Editorial Secretary was adopted as amended.

On motion, items relating to Press Superintendents were adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Ratcliffe that Item 14 be amended by striking out the words "in manual." The motion prevailed.

On motion, Item 14 was adopted as amended.

On motion, the section of the report relating to recommendations from the Second Vice President was adopted.

On motion, the section of the report relating to recommendations from the Third Vice President was adopted.

On motion, the section containing recommendations from the Educational Secretary was adopted.

On motion, Item 26, containing a memorial from the Tennessee Conference, was stricken out.

On motion, Items 27 and 28, containing recommendations from the Field Secretary, were stricken out.

On motion, Item 29, containing memorial from the Little Rock Conference, was stricken out.

On motion, Item 30, containing a memorial from the Western North Carolina Conference, was stricken out.

On motion, Item 31, containing a memorial from the Tennessee Conference, was adopted.

It was moved, and seconded, that Division B of Item 14 be reconsidered. The motion prevailed.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Literature was adopted as amended. (See report, page 190.)

Miss Mary N. Moore extended a most cordial invitation to the Council to hold its next annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala.

An invitation to El Paso, Tex., from the New Mexico Conference was read by the Secretary.

On motion, the invitation to Birmingham was unanimously accepted.

The following item of the report of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, which had been referred to a special committee, was reported and adopted:

EXTENSION OF WORK.

Whereas this body has attained a proportion and importance that demand a conservation of time and energy,

Resolved: 1. That the expenses of the entertainment of the Executive Committee at the annual sessions of the Council be met from the general treasury.

2. That the expenses of the entertainment of the Conference representatives be met from the Conference treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. C. SELLARS,
MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL.

The following resolution read by Mrs. Luke Johnson was unanimously passed and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy to Miss Millar:

As the daily ministrations of Miss Eleanor Stafford Millar in the Bible half hour during this session of the Woman's Missionary Council have been a source of blessing and spiritual power, we wish to express our thanksgiving to God for the blessing received from his gifted servant and to convey to her our love and appreciation with the assurance that our prayers will follow her in her work of soul-winning.

MISS M. L. GIBSON,
MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
MRS. F. H. E. ROSS.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, was read by the Calendar Clerk, considered by items, amended, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 197.)

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, was read and considered by items.

On motion, Item 3 was stricken out, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to peremptorily remind the missionaries of the existing law.

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 205.)

On motion, Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. MacDonell were instructed to take from the reports of the two Committees on Estimates and Extension such items as relate to the work of the Council as a whole to place these in one report as a joint report from both departments.

On motion, the pledges were taken as follows. Owing to the absence of some of the Secretaries from this session at this hour, the list is incomplete.

	Foreign.	Home.
Alabama	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000
Arkansas	2,000	500
Baltimore	2,500	....
Central Texas	7,500	....
East Oklahoma .....	....	500
Florida	4,000	1,000
Holston .....	....	3,000
Kentucky	3,700	1,000

	Foreign.	Home.
Little Rock	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,000
Louisiana	2,000	....
Louisville	3,600	1,000
Memphis	5,000	....
Mississippi	4,000	....
Missouri	3,000	500
North Alabama	5,000	1,200
North Carolina	12,000	1,000
North Georgia	15,000	5,000
North Mississippi	3,000	1,000
North Texas .....	.....	....
Northwest Texas	2,000	....
Pacific	1,000	....
South Carolina	10,500	....
St. Louis	2,000	1,000
Tennessee	7,500	3,000
Texas	5,500	3,000
Virginia	6,500	....
West Texas	3,750	....
Western North Carolina	10,000	....
West Oklahoma	200	500
Western Virginia	1,000	....
White River	2,000	....
	<hr/> \$132,000	<hr/> \$28,200

It was moved, and seconded, that another session of the Council be held the following morning. The motion prevailed.

After the benediction pronounced by Dr. F. J. Prettyman, the Council adjourned to meet the following morning at nine o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council met for its closing session Thursday morning at nine o'clock, Miss Bennett in the chair.

The devotional service, led by Miss De Bardeleben, consisted of Hymn 349, "Saviour, Undying Love Thou Gavest Me," Scripture lesson, and prayer.

The minutes of the Wednesday evening's session were read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to record the action, making the Council a self-entertaining body as taking effect at once

with the addition that missionaries, deaconesses, speakers, etc., shall be entertained by those extending the invitation to the body.

It was moved by Mrs. L. G. Johnson, and seconded, that Item 13 of the report of the Committee on Literature be reconsidered. The motion prevailed.

On motion, the item was amended by striking out the words "or the Executive Committee" and adopted as amended.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconesses was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, Item 1 was amended by adding the name of Miss Helen Gibson to the Committee named to prepare a course of study for the workers.

It was moved by Mrs. MacDonell, and seconded, that the item on the *Workers' Quarterly* be amended by striking out "Workers" and inserting "Deaconess." The motion was lost.

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson, and seconded, that the Council concur with the committee in its action upon the item relating to the *Quarterly*, but that a recommendation be made that a change in name be considered. The motion prevailed.

On motion, Item 5 was amended by striking out the word "receives" and inserting the words "shall receive."

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 185.)

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department, was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, Item 3 was stricken out.

On motion, Item 5 was stricken out.

On motion, Item 6, covered elsewhere, was stricken out.

On motion, section (a) under Item 8 was approved.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee on section (b) of Item 8 was reversed.

On motion, action of the committee on section (c) of Item 8 was reversed.

On motion items referring to the Forward Movement were referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 204.)

The following resolution was read by Mrs. F. F. Stephens and passed:

Whereas it is desired by the workers in Southern Methodist missions everywhere that the Annual Report be in their hands for use at an early date, be it

Resolved, That a committee of four, consisting of Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Mrs. J. B. Cobb, be appointed to arrange, edit and issue the Council Annual Report as soon as possible.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS,
MRS. TURNER MCBAIN,
MRS. J. C. FOWLER,
MRS. C. S. BOBO.

The following resolution to be added to the report of the Committee on Literature was passed:

Resolved, That all the manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by this Council shall be submitted to all the members of the Standing Committee on Literature before going to print.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,	MRS. T. G. RATCLIFFE,
MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,	MRS. ARCH TRAWICK,
MRS. J. W. PERRY,	MISS MABEL HEAD,
MRS. J. E. GRUBBS,	MRS. J. B. COBB,
MISS DAISY DAVIES,	MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations, Home Department, was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, the last item was amended by inserting the office expenses of the Educational Secretary and office expenses of managers.

On motion, the appropriations of the Home Department were approved as amended. (See report, page 200.)

Report No. 7 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

On motion, the report was adopted as read. (See report, page 200.)

On motion, the report of the Committee on Laws was approved and referred to the Special Committee, consisting of

Mesdames Parker, Chappell, and Steele, appointed prior to the Annual Meeting, that all laws passed during these sessions might be added to those already listed, the finished paper to be submitted to the Executive Committee. (See report, page 218.)

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was read by the Calendar Clerk, amended, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 219.)

The report of the Committee to Nominate the Standing Committees was read by the Calendar Clerk, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 6.)

The report of the Special Committee on Korea was read by the Calendar Clerk, amended, and adopted as follows:

We, the special committee appointed to consider a communication from Korea, recommend that Mrs. J. P. Campbell return to Korea to do evangelistic work, that she live with Dr. and Mrs. Hardie until satisfactory arrangements can be made, that she be provided with an English-speaking Bible woman, and that she receive the full salary of a missionary.

On motion, the following resolution, read by Mrs. Cobb, was passed:

Since the amount appropriated by the Foreign Department goes beyond the basis of appropriation,

Resolved, That the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Foreign Department be authorized to scale the items until the amount comes within the specified sum.

MRS. J. B. COBB,

MRS. F. S. PARKER.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Deaconesses was read and a substitute offered for Item 2.

On motion, the item was recommitted that it might be clearly stated.

On motion, Item 1 of section on Rules and Regulations was stricken out.

On motion, the report was adopted as amended. (See page 187.)

In gracious terms Mrs. E. B. Chappell voiced the esteem of the body for its beloved President and as a love token presented to her in the name of the women of the Council the Book of books.

With happy surprise Miss Bennett accepted the gift and tribute so lovingly made.

A recommitted item from Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Home Department, was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT No. 3.

In view of our financial limitations, we are not able to make an appropriation for the Scarritt Bible and Training School, but we recommend that the Endowment Fund be made a special and that all Auxiliaries be strongly urged to contribute not less than \$2 each toward said fund.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. Grubbs and, on motion, lost:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the annual session of the Council shall be held as early as possible in the year, not later than the first of March.

MRS. J. J. DICKEY.	MRS. GEORGE THORNBURGH,
MRS. SULLINS,	MRS. W. O. BROWNFIELD,
MRS. B. F. LEWIS,	MRS. J. H. GLIDE,
MRS. H. R. SINGLETON.	MRS. WILLIAM ACTON,
MRS. A. P. HOLT,	MRS. B. F. HOLLAND,
MRS. C. M. WOODWARD,	MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. O. F. SENSABAUGH,	MRS. H. K. GAIRDNER,

It was moved by Mrs. Swindell, and seconded, that the Council grant to North Carolina Foreign Missionary Conference, the privilege of naming a school for its retiring Recording Secretary, Miss Blanche Fentress, who has held her office for thirty-four years. The motion prevailed.

With the consent of the body, Miss Bennett assumed the care of Helen Yun, daughter of Dr. Yun, of Korea. The little girl is now in Dr. Fisher's School, in Kentucky.

Nominations for Superintendents of Departments were read by Miss Head and unanimously elected as follows: Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies; Mrs. Luke Johnson, Superintendent of Press Work; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Virginia K. Johnson School, Dallas, Tex.

It was moved, and seconded, that the two special committees dealing with work of young people shall work with the Stand-

ing Committee on Young People's Work. The motion prevailed.

Miss Ethel Allen, daughter of Dr. Young J. Allen, was introduced.

The standing committees were called for organization meetings immediately upon adjournment.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Luke Johnson and adopted as follows by a rising vote:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We come to the close of this the second annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council with gratitude to God for his mercy and his loving-kindness, which have blessed us during the days that have passed.

To him be the glory for the broader vision that has come to us which has resulted in the Southern Jubilees and the great forward movement of our own denomination, and we would praise him, too for our *outlook of promise*.

We came to you in his name. In his name and for his sake you have received and ministered unto us. To all his children who have made our labors possible at this time and place we would give an expression of appreciation. To the bishops, the presiding elder, the brethren of the ministry, to the choirs of the local Churches who have lent attraction to our services through the ministry of song, to the editor and business manager of the Council Daily and the young men who so kindly assisted them, to the local committee, whose labors of love have been unrelenting and abundant, to the women of the Churches and city and surrounding country who have spared not themselves that we might be comfortable and happy, to the pastor and members of McKendree Church for courtesy extended in the use of their building, we owe special gratitude.

To President and Mrs. Taft for the reception so kindly tendered us during our session, we would also convey our hearty thanks.

We leave you with a sense of our dependence one upon another with a broader view of the privilege side of service, and with a deeper consciousness of the sweetness of the fellowship of the children of God, and with the earnest prayer that one day we may all gather as one great family in the household of God.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS,

MISS M. L. GIBSON,

Committee.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The closing hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," was sung and prayer was led by Dr. Prettyman. Dr. Prettyman then voiced the pleasure of those who had so graciously extended hospitality to the body and appreciation for the coming of the Council to their city as its influence would be felt throughout the bounds of the Conference.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Prettyman, and the Council adjourned *sine die*.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. FRANK SILER,

MRS. FITZGERALD SALE PARKER,

Secretaries.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT.

"Lord, teach us to pray."

We enter upon this meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council with three months of the year already a part of the history of the organization. These months have been filled with purposes, plans, and efforts rich in faith and hope, quickened and intensified by a world need and a world-wide endeavor to meet that need in the all-sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

Through the smoke and din of battle in non-Christian lands we have heard anew the command to go into all the world with the message of love and peace. Out of the bitterness and strife of industrial war, grinding poverty, and ignorance in our own land, we are hearing again the prophet's cry, "Comfort ye, comfort my people, saith your God." The answer of our Christianity to these voices calling out of the darkness of a world struggling for light must be a wider and more united effort to awaken the Church of God—the whole Church—to a larger sense of its responsibility as a chosen instrument to a clearer and more sympathetic understanding of the peoples and nations to whom it is debtor and to a more generous outpouring of that love that manifests itself in the gift of men, women, and money laid upon the altar of service.

We do not err when we say that the *business* of the Church is missions; but we know only too well that the Church is filled with babes in Christ, thronged with men and women whose eyes have been touched indeed by the hand of the Lord, but who still behold men only "as trees walking." To these, all these, light and strength must be given until they are filled with the desire and fired with the purpose to give every man a chance to know God and to do his will.

To the members of this Council and to the Board of Missions the sacred office and obligation of leadership in developing and cultivating the missionary spirit in Southern Methodism has been committed. *That is our business, and we must do it.* A world current is sweeping on, and we must either move with it or be left as driftwood on the banks of a wide-flowing river.

To this end many of the most consecrated and best-equipped members of the Board of Missions, of this body, and of the society at large have for the past three months given themselves to a concerted and Church-wide educational campaign in the interest of missions. Special

literature has been prepared and circulated throughout the Church. Conference, district, and congregational meetings for the dissemination of information have been held in cities, towns, and rural sections, and institutes, study courses, and inspirational meetings have brought thousands of people together to hear and to talk and to rejoice in the fact and growth of missions. We believe that much good has been accomplished and that the seeds of a great forward movement have been sown.

All of these purposes, plans, and efforts were born in a spirit of prayer, and in their development and growth have been girded underneath and round about with an ever-widening circle of prayer. We know that a Paul may plant and an Apollos may water, but God giveth the increase. We know that "there can be no forward movement, no era of giving, no great offering of life except as these are attained through a deepening and broadening of the spiritual life of the leaders of the Church and a real, spiritual revival among the members. New methods, attractive literature, cultivation, and appeals for volunteers can accomplish nothing unless begun, continued, and completed in prayer and permeated from first to last with the Holy Spirit of God.

Knowing these things, can we not make this week, pressed down and running over, as it must be, with the work we came here to do—*God's work, our work*—a week of waiting upon him in prayer and praise? May we not make these busy days together a school of prayer, asking the great Teacher, as the disciples did, "Lord, teach us to pray?" No fact of his life so impresses itself upon our minds, as we study the record of the three years of his public ministry, as his prayer life. The written Word gives us but a brief glimpse of the thirty quiet years at Nazareth, and we can only wonder how and when he learned to spend whole nights in prayer. But in those three crowded years of a perfect human leadership, full of events that have changed the history of the world and will finally change the life and character of all mankind, we know that his was a life of unbroken communion with God. He suffered weariness, loneliness, discouragement, and temptation as we suffer, but strength to bear, strength to conquer come from the Father in every time of need, as we know it will come to us if our hearts are fixed on him and our dependence is in him.

The greatest need of the Church of God to-day—*our* greatest need—is an absorbing spirit of prayer. The whole non-Christian world stands with wide-open doors before us in answer to those who have believed and prayed in the years gone by.

In our own land the weakling, the sin-besotted, the indifferent, and the godless far outnumber those who have "named the name of Christ," and the smoke of incense rises to the gods of every great pagan nation as their devotees worship before them in our metropolitan cities. All these, of every land and clime, stand to-day as a challenge to our faith in God and our obedience to him.

If the forward movement glorified his name in a deepening of the spiritual life of the Church, if it has power to arrest and command the time, talents, and money of the indifferent and self-absorbed for the evangelization and uplift of the non-Christian millions at home and abroad, the members of this Council must know the secret and possess the power of persistent, importunate, prevailing prayer.

Through the printed page and personal letter, from the platform and pew, in every Conference and auxiliary, we have rung out the words of hope and entreaty: "Double our membership, double our offerings. Pray, work, give." To these I would add: "Double our prayer life, double our prayer life." With humble dependence upon the Spirit of God and a steadfast determination to follow his leadership, we may go out from here, calling upon all who are fellow workers with us to join in this larger and greater forward movement until the spirit and habit of prayer for missions shall be made the spirit and habit of the membership of the whole Church. I am asking no easy thing, but I *am* asking a *vital* thing. It has been well said: "It is much more difficult to pray for missions than to give to them." Each and every one of us knows it is more difficult to pray for missions than to work for them. "We can only really pray for missions if we habitually lead a life of prayer, and a life of prayer can only be led if we have entered into a life of communion with God." It is ours to *abide* in this life and to come off more than conquerors in this time of the world's great need. That we may do it is my prayer and my heart's message for this Council and for every member of the Woman's missionary organization.

The Secretaries of the several departments will present to you in detail the work over which they have had supervision, but there are some matters relating to the conduct and policy of the work at home and abroad for which I must ask your consideration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Under our present form of organization, with four Vice Presidents in Auxiliary, Conference and Council, the method of mandatory reporting by corresponding officers, from the Juvenile Society to the Council, is cumbersome, confusing, and expensive. From all parts of the field requests for relief have been heard.

One Auxiliary in each congregation, with a Young People's and Children's Division, and a combined quarterly report sent by the adult officer, would greatly simplify this objectionable system.

2. The merging of the two Boards into their present form as a Council has necessarily brought about many changes in the laws, rules, and regulations governing the work and workers in the Society and on the mission fields. During the year a special committee has been employed classifying and codifying these laws, rules, and regulations pre-

paratory to bringing them before the Council at its present meeting. The work, when approved, should be printed in a form convenient for distribution to every auxiliary in the organization.

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

In China Protestant Christianity faces the most tremendous problem and the most tremendous opportunity it has ever known. An Oriental people with an ancient and fixed civilization, an autocratic government, and an immense illiterate population in bondage to pagan religions have suddenly awakened to their backward place in the family of the nations, and have adopted a republican form of government. With a strong, progressive, and patriotic leadership keenly alive to the power, possibilities, and needs of the people, China is eagerly seeking Western learning and Western forms of progress as they exist in lands and among people dominated and leavened by the Christian religion.

We rejoice in the belief that missionary work, missionary schools, missionary teaching and influence in all of their manifold forms have been, under God, the greatest factor in producing this rebirth of a nation. But the question comes to us now as a missionary Council, What more can *we* do? What larger part can *we* take in the reformation and Christianization of this great people? Religious freedom has been declared through the new constitution, and a nation-wide public school system is being developed. The Minister of Education has issued a decree that "free education is to be provided throughout China for all children, girls as well as boys, up to ten years of age," and it is estimated that one million schools will be required to accommodate these children of school age. Where will China get her teaching force? Will Southern Methodism furnish her proportion of really Christian teachers, or will she turn aside from this open door and leave non-Christian Japan to form the next generation of Chinese thought and character?

Our missionaries have been pleading for day schools and women evangelists who can go into the country villages or wherever groups of women may be gathered together and teach the "all things whatsoever I have commanded you." China's modernization demands the "all things" of Christ, or her end may be worse than her beginning. We *must* do *our* part. We must respond *now*! *Now* is the time of *our* greatest opportunity. Other nations may wait. China will not, cannot wait.

Korea, dominated by an increasing anti-Christian spirit, needs all that can be done for her, most of all a larger and better-equipped force of missionary teachers and a good system of day schools.

Our mission fields in Latin America loom large before us. The promised boarding school for girls in Rio de Janeiro, to which many per-

sons not members of the Woman's Missionary Society have generously contributed, has not yet been established. To fail to meet this obligation, to postpone another year without making a beginning will discredit our effort before the Church and lose to the Council another great opportunity in Brazil.

Mexico, still in the throes of a revolution, appeals to us as she always has, and better school buildings, better furnishings, and a better-equipped and trained force of teachers ought to be furnished by a federated Methodism when peace and a stable government are restored.

Until we have established in Havana a strong boarding school with a Christian settlement extension having all the forms of Wesley House activities, we will not have met a vital need in that field. The splendid public school system being organized and developed in the non-Christian and Latin-American lands where our Board of Missions is at work makes it imperative that we grade, standardize, and correlate all of our schools, and to delay further will be to lose caste and largely to defeat the very object for which we have planted them.

THE HOMELAND.

I repeat here what I have said throughout the Church, and shall continue to say until it is no longer a fact: The greatest need of Southern Methodism and of our Woman's Missionary Council is one or more large women's dormitories at Vanderbilt University. Year after year our ministerial force at home and abroad is reënforced by splendid groups of young men who have been educated and inspired to serve at this our leading Church institution. Year after year, with our need increasing for the best class of well-prepared college women, we must go to the girls' boarding schools and summer assemblies or to the public grade and high schools to secure workers for our hardest fields and most difficult missions. The Woman's Missionary Society cannot meet this situation, but the *Church* owes it to herself and to her young womanhood to do so. Our women give large sums of money to educational institutions for young men—and this is right—but God grant that some woman or man may see this need for the daughters of our Church and supply it.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School has a productive endowment of only \$62,000. The assessment of \$2 per auxiliary levied on the society last year to increase this endowment resulted in an offering from only about one-third of the societies. The assessment should be continued and an annual appropriation of \$1,000 made to the school until the endowment fund is large enough to meet repairs, improvements and running expenses. A standing committee should be appointed to visit the school, learn to know its needs, its student body, and the details of its financial requirements, and make an annual report of the same to this Council.

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Transferring the Parsonage Building Department to the Board of Church Extension released to Conference or other work the fifty per cent of dues heretofore devoted largely to the Parsonage Department. This unexpected reversal of funds to the Conferences has naturally had a tendency to cause the officers to look around for the best lines of investment. All of our cities and towns have slums and "red-light districts." We deplore these dark spots so close to our own comfortable homes, with their miserable industries and squalid householders, and wonder if a deaconess and a Wesley House might not change the situation or at least ameliorate conditions. Some of our Conferences have, in the mining towns, large textile mills, and other manufactories where men, women, and children wage earners are gathered together in large numbers, and we are sure that a deaconess and a Wesley House in these would open the way for better conditions. The deaconess and the Wesley House are good things when well supported and wisely assisted by a board of strong, devoted women; but we are in danger of opening settlements in many place before a permanent local support can be obtained for them, and a temporary existence will to the majority of Church members seem a total failure and prove a stumbling-block to future efforts.

The large home mission institutions heretofore established by this department in various sections of the Church have proved themselves worthy of the best efforts of the women who stand back of them. Only one of these, however, is as yet supplied with a comfortable and creditable plant. Would it not be well to use a certain per cent of the Conference funds to build and equip these plants before beginning other and more local Conference enterprises?

I do not believe the Council should encourage or make provision for schools with great student bodies or advanced courses of study. This is the province of the Board of Education and the State. The Council should give some instruction on this point to the Educational Committee at this meeting.

Again, there are two large home mission fields in our Church territory that have been pleading for help for the last decade, and we are still answering, "Not yet."

Four hundred thousand Mexicans on our southern border need all that goes to make up a Christian citizenship. The splendid boarding school at Laredo, with its day school extension work established and maintained by our Foreign Department, is the only work the Woman's Missionary Council is doing for that great body of our foreign American people.

We have also in the parishes of Louisiana more than four hundred thousand mongrel French people, descendants of our early French settlers, one-fourth of whom are illiterate, without opportunities for

Christian education or moral training. As a woman's missionary organization we are distinctly debtors to these people and to the brave men and women who live and work among them, and who have been so loyal to this Council and the interest its represents. We owe them boarding or day schools and parish deaconesses.

A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

Finally, the time has come when, if we would do our best work for "the peoples that sit in darkness" at home and abroad, we must have a vocational or trades school, in which our workers can be given, under positive Christian influences, the best special training for the work they are called to do. During the past year the demand for specialists from both the foreign and the home fields has been far beyond our ability to supply. To get the best in character and equipment, women who know what a witnessing for Christ means, we must have our own institutions. I believe the women who have a voice in the use of the Conference half of dues can do no better nor more far-reaching work than to appropriate this year one-half of the money due them on this account in beginning such an institution. All details of extension work, when it is the purpose of the Council to establish large and permanent institutions for the promotion of the work at home or abroad, should be given the most careful consideration by special committees appointed from this Council. Our work has grown in importance and dimensions until it is no longer wise, economical, or right to burden the Secretaries with details and discussions that ought to be a part of the educative work of the entire Council. Responsibility increases interest, and larger interest, greater responsibility for the salvation of the whole world is, under God, the vitalizing force that must finally compel an active interest in all who believe in Jesus Christ and his mission.

REPORTS.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. T. G. RATCLIFFE.

We are addressing to-day the representative women of our great Church, those chosen because of their ability, spiritual power, and willingness to serve. We are glad to be assembled once more in annual session.

Last year you were requested to put in charge of children's work in your particular Conference the woman best qualified; for children demand the best, and in Sunday schools and day schools such women are being chosen. We believe this request has been carried out in almost every Conference, and the association with these splendid Vice Presidents the past year has been a benediction. If we have wrought anything or sown any seed, it is due to their untiring effort.

The most important problem of the Church to-day is the child. If we should choose one figure above all others to represent Christ's service to humanity, it would be the living Christ reaching his hands out toward children, saying, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The significance of this saying has not yet been realized. The interests of childhood are, we are beginning to see, at the very foundation of national well-being. Dr. Day has said: "There is no better test of civilization than its degree of response to the injunction, 'Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones.'"

Just as the child is father to the man, so children determine the character and power of a Church and of a nation. The child should be able to say: "When my father and my mother forsake me, my Church and my country will take me up." We must feel the responsibility of training all children who do not come under religious influence at home and teach them their responsibility to less fortunate children in this country and non-Christian lands.

Then, too, the child demands social life. We hear much of schools becoming social centers for the poor. We want to make the Church a place the child of all classes will feel a sense of ownership in and not a place where it is driven for one hour on the Sabbath day. The call of the day is for spiritually minded men and women. Every child born into the world has an inheritance of all the art, music, literature, and science up to his day; but more than that we must make over to our children the religious inheritance in God, the only thing that makes life worthy living. We must make Christ over to the hearts of our children.

The thing that gives significance and dignity and value to life is religion, and it is our privilege, through our chosen leaders, to give

this knowledge to the children of the missionary societies. If we love Christ, we must serve him. There are hundreds of children in your Conference to-day who are receiving no training. "Lovest thou me?" "Feed my lambs." The pastor of St. John's Church said: "The manhood and womanhood of to-morrow are folded in the lives of our children to-day as surely as the oaks of to-morrow are wrapped in the acorns of to-day. In the acorn there are both the warp and woof of the oak; in the child there is only the warp of splendid life. If out of this highest order of man or woman is to be woven, the parents and teachers must furnish the woof to insure it."

We who are responsible for this training feel keenly the weight that is upon us. A year ago we could not make a report, for we were only beginning a work that had undergone many changes. Since last we met there has been a change that has meant more to your humble servant than to any one else—the change of Vice President from Mrs. J. E. Leith to Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe. We trust the Council has sustained no irreparable loss.

We want to say that with all the changing order we believe the Vice Presidents of the Conferences and auxiliaries are keeping abreast of the tide, from the number of communications received. The month of January alone brought over two hundred communications. Some read like this:

Have you thought of the significance of our Lord's command to Peter when he asked: "Lovest thou me?" Three times he said: "Peter, lovest thou me?" "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." "Feed my lambs," was the command; then, "Feed my sheep."

The question he asks of every Christian man and woman to-day is: "Lovest thou me?" The reply is the same: Then "feed my lambs."

Are we feeding his lambs? If we are not, we have no right to call ourselves followers of him. If we are not giving to child life the opportunity of physical, mental, and spiritual growth, we are not fulfilling his command. Out on the mountainside is the little "gray lamb," dear to the Shepherd. He, too, must be brought safe to the fold through you and me.

We hear on every side, at every turn, to-day the importance of the child. The Church has not been slow to recognize the value of early training nor the importance of giving to our children the most essential thing—spiritual training. The newest of the sciences is the science of child study. Modern science has been placing the child in the midst. So wide is the sweep of the movement that chairs for the study of the child are to be found in many colleges and universities.

The Juvenile Court is "giving the child a chance." The Church, too, must come not only to train but to study the child. Particularly as a religious being we must nurture the religious instinct, develop the habits of Christian service, and realize that moral standards and religious

faith are almost entirely the product of early training. Many a little child is struggling for a higher and better life, striving to overcome temptation; and on those permitted to work with them rests a tremendous responsibility.

Outside of Christian countries the child still receives small consideration. The ethnic faiths have no clear gospel for the emancipation of mother and child. Outside of Christian countries they still labor under the most cruel disabilities. In our own land it is the spirit of the gospel that demands a Federal bureau for the investigation of conditions concerning children. The great Emancipator of the child will some day be made known in every dark corner of the earth; and love and light will make the Church, the State, and the nation reach out sheltering arms everywhere to God's little ones. For "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

REPORTS.

The first quarter twelve Conferences reported, the second quarter thirty-two reports were received, the last quarter forty-eight Conferences were heard from, showing that we are getting in touch with the Vice Presidents.

A special call was made for the enrollment of 1,000 children in each Conference. The Tennessee Conference, under one of the best Vice Presidents, nearly reached the mark, having enrolled 948; North Georgia, 557; Mississippi (Foreign Department), 312. We have increased the membership of the Children's Department 5,123 over last year—3,223; Junior Division, 1,900; Baby Division, —; North Georgia having secured the largest number for Junior Division, 435.

Only two Conference societies out of forty-seven report no new organizations for children. The total number of new organizations is 272. Central Texas has 84; Little Rock, 18; Southwest Missouri, 17; Kentucky, 16; Florida, 10.

From one to two circular letters have been sent out each quarter, over seven hundred letters written, and about 2,300 blanks for reports of Vice Presidents of auxiliaries and Corresponding Secretaries of children's societies.

From April 1 to January 1 \$125 was expended for postage, stenographer, printing of report blanks and leaflets and stationery.

We trust that each of you received some of the splendid letters sent out by the First Vice President of your Conference.

The money for the Children's Department is settled to be:

Foreign Department Specials for both divisions of children's organizations (kindergarten and day schools in foreign fields), \$15,000.

Home Department, Junior Division, remodeling Ruth Hargrove Institute, dormitory, and purchase of lots, \$7,000.

Finishing cost of chapel at Mary Helm Hall, \$3,000.

Baby Division, maintaining the Wesley House and School at West Tampa.

The mite boxes are to be used in obtaining funds, and the division is 40 per cent for the Home Department and 60 per cent for the Foreign Department.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. J. E. GRUBBS.

To-day, after one year of earnest endeavor to put into practice the policy voiced in my first report to the Woman's Missionary Council—*teach our young people how to do a few things well*—I am glad to tell you that my coworkers and I have found in the fine, strong, young life of our Church some very apt scholars.

In many Conferences there has been growth in the Department of Young People's Work, and even in those Conferences from which we have not gotten the figures showing, unquestionably, advancement, we have been led to believe, through correspondence with the leaders, that their agitation of this question would surely result in organization. Then, while we have some problems in connection with the young people's work, let me say at the outset that this is distinctively an optimistic report. Indeed, we who are directing this department of the work in the Council and in the Conferences have determined to know no defeat; so if there have been failures, we ignore them in the greater effort we are making to bring the young people's work up to the highest possible standard.

My work with the Conference Second Vice Presidents, who have co-operated with me for the advancement of this most hopeful and heartening work, has been genuinely cheering. Many of them have persistently, conscientiously, and constantly endeavored to carry out the policy as outlined, and in the days that are to come we must reap what they have sown.

OFFICE WORK.

The correspondence of the year has been gratifying, showing a genuine interest in the enlistment of the young life and also the deep interest of many who are already enlisted. Four quarterly circular letters and two circular postals have been sent out to fifty-eight Conference Second Vice Presidents, also two hundred and fifty-one personal letters in response to appeals for help. The Conference Second Vice Presidents have been supplied quarterly with blanks for their reports and the reports of adult Second Vice Presidents, also with blanks for Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers of young people's societies. Organization blanks, too, have been prepared and sent upon application. Many packages of literature, containing the Constitution and By-Laws in leaflet form, leaflets on the Week of Prayer, Mission Study, Jubilee, Membership Campaign, "A Study in Reporting," and the "Administration Quiz," have been sent.

FIELD WORK.

I have been unable to do much in the way of visiting. Many opportunities to touch the young people have passed ungrasped, due to the illness in the home which made my going impossible. In October I visited the South Carolina Conference Society Home Department in annual session at Greenwood. This was a helpful and well-planned meeting. At the young people's mass meeting, at which time every available space was filled, many signified their willingness to do definite Christian work. Three district meetings and several local jubilee meetings in my own Conference show the extent of effort in this direction.

EXPENSES.

The amount appropriated to this Department, \$75 per quarter, was received for the last two quarters of the year. With the exception of a small balance of \$7.70, this amount has been expended in printing and sending out report blanks, stationery, postage, stenographic work, and one Daus duplicator.

STATUS OF THE WORK.

With no other constitution given than the one for United Societies, we had hoped all organizations of young people would adopt the same, and certainly that no new organization would be formed under any other than the united constitution. This hope, however, has not been realized, as the following statistics show:

Fourteen out of twelve United Conferences report

Organizations	190
Members	3,182

Twelve out of nineteen home Conferences report

Organizations	134
Members	1,857

Eleven out of eighteen foreign Conferences report

Organizations	284
Members	5,365

Total report:

Organizations	608
Members	10,404

From these figures we conclude that we must have 324 organizations working in the Home Department with a membership of 5,039, and 474 organizations working in the Foreign Department with a membership of 8,547.

If this be true, there has been an increase in the Home Department of 138 organizations and 1,238 members, while the Foreign Department shows a decrease of 244 organizations and 3,079 members.

At the very mention of a decrease, such as this, in one Department, some might wonder from whence the spirit of optimism came in making this report, but we are not ready to concede the point that there has been failure until we go a little farther.

From seven United Conferences, seven Home, and seven Foreign Conferences, I have received no report, and in many instances I have found that even though the report has been sent by a Vice President of a Home or Foreign Conference, many of the societies in that Conference are working under the United Constitution, and should be counted in both departments. Hence, we believe that in this way, together with the pruning which always takes place when accuracy is insisted upon, we account for this seeming decrease.

With but two or three exceptions, I have had communications from the Conference Second Vice Presidents of the twenty-one Conferences not reporting; and even though they have been unable to get reports from young people's societies turned into the proper channel, they have been faithful in keeping me informed as to what they were doing for the advancement of the work.

And now with this mention of what we have accomplished in one short year, we lift ourselves on wings of aspiration and faith, and with a spirit of optimism which challenges defeat we covenant anew with you and with the great Captain of our salvation to press the battle hard until we shall have won the young people of Southern Methodism to the great enterprise upon which we are engaged.

"Duties are ours; events are the Lord's." Then, when we take care of the duties and roll the weight of our weak souls in well doing upon Him who is God omnipotent and what we thus essay miscarrieth, it shall neither be our sin nor cross." In the light of this assurance the very cry of the soul becomes, Lord help us to be faithful!

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. J. W. PERRY.

When the Woman's Missionary Council closed its first session one year ago, many of us went away from St. Louis with the feeling in our hearts: "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." For many years our Home Mission Society, through its Tithing Department, had been stressing the great fundamental principle of tithing, and through our Foreign Missionary Society literature had been circulated and attention called to our responsibility in systematic giving.

It has been said that the Bible presents two great programs to believers: One is a program of self-conquest, growing into a consecration of ourself and substance, which is stewardship; the other is a program of world conquest, making Christ Lord of all, which is missions.

It seems a most fitting time, when we come together for the first time

as one body to plan and work for the world-wide conquest of the gospel, that we should at the same time make plans for that other program of self-conquest, for the two programs are inseparable. Missions gives to stewardship its largest significance; stewardship gives to missions the temporal basis of support and success. The success of the Woman's Missionary Council in answering the call of the nations will depend on the willingness of the individual members of our body to give themselves and their substance to the task.

Under the new order we are seeking to put a new emphasis upon the stewardship of time, talents, opportunity, and money. So far as we have been able to observe, this conception of stewardship has not been given due consideration either by the pulpit or the pew. Surely there never was a time when there was greater need for emphasizing this subject. There were never so many nor so great and wonderful opportunities for the investment of money, time, influence, and life as now.

A knowledge of the great sweep of missions and the providence of God as seen in the history of nations, a knowledge of the heart cry of oppressed, burdened men and women in our own land, can but open our eyes to see the opportunities that are ours and open our ears to hear the call of Providence to us as his stewards. It seemed therefore a wise planning that combined Christian stewardship and mission study into one department. No more important department could have been outlined, nor one that is more vital.

The combination being new and the conception for the department being one of advancement and enlargement, the first duty was to outline the work and send out plans and suggestions for Third Vice Presidents of Conference and auxiliary societies.

Our aim is: A mission study class in every auxiliary; a regular weekly offering, if possible, to missions from every member; a true sense of stewardship in every life.

Some time was consumed in the preparation of the plans and in the reorganization of Conference and auxiliary societies under the new constitution, causing delay in projecting the work. As soon as possible, however, the plans and report blanks were sent to each Conference Third Vice President with a letter stressing the importance of the work committed to our care. Whenever a Conference had not organized according to the new plans a letter was written to the Conference Presidents asking that some one be authorized to have charge of the work. We urged the hearty coöperation of these officers in organizing mission study classes and in stressing the subject of stewardship. It was the close of the third quarter when we received our first report.

Twenty-seven Conference societies reported as having organized according to the new plans. At the close of the fourth quarter thirty-

seven Conferences reported. These reports were encouraging, not so much from the work actually accomplished as from the awakened interest and expressions of appreciation of the importance of the department. Four hundred and eighty-one auxiliaries have had the subject of stewardship presented each quarter; **23,150 leaflets** on stewardship have been distributed.

Each quarter I have written to the Conference Third Vice President calling attention to such features of the department as seemed to need special emphasis, and have answered many letters of inquiry about the work. The correspondence has been unusually heavy this year, and it has been a pleasure to render such service as I could in this way. A new pledge card embodying the larger conception of stewardship has been issued, and has proved so acceptable that already the first supply of 20,000 is well-nigh exhausted.

One new leaflet, "Money the Measure of Man," has also been issued and largely distributed. The great need for carrying forward this work is a more adequate supply of literature adapted to presenting the subject of stewardship to the auxiliaries. The call to the pastors for the special sermon on stewardship was made for March 17; and while we have not had the reports from this appeal, some personal messages have been most gratifying. We are grateful to the Yearbook Committee for the excellent program on stewardship for the March meeting and to the editors of the *Voice* for the liberal space given therein the same month for the presentation of the subject.

In the mission study work so admirably planned by the Educational Secretary it has been only necessary for me to give these plans out to the societies, urging them to use diligence in organizing mission study classes in every auxiliary. In this work also numerous letters have come to me for information and help.

The placing of mission study along with the promotion of Christian stewardship as the duty of one officer in the Conference and auxiliary is destined to bring a still greater return in enlarged missionary intelligence and in a deeper consecration of the life of the members. The large increase in the number of mission study classes and the number of persons engaged in this study can but result in more efficient workers and a deeper consecration of self and substance in helping to bring the world to Christ.

The number of mission study classes is: Adult, 550; young people, 51; children, 34.

The North Texas Conference reports the largest number of adult classes and also the largest number of members in classes. The West Texas Conference reports the largest number of young people's study classes, but the Virginia Conference leads in the number of young people in classes. The West Oklahoma Conference leads in the children's, both as to classes and the number of members in classes.

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. ARCHIBALD TRAWICK.

May 1, 1911-January 1, 1912.

The Department of Social Service and Local Work was created by the Woman's Missionary Council in session at St. Louis April 19-29, 1911. It was decreed that the Fourth Vice President of the Council, with the assistance of the Committee on Social Service and Local Work, should develop the new department.

Plans were made for a practical beginning; but it was August before the first report blanks, studies, and leaflets were distributed throughout the fifty-nine Conference Societies by means of Conference and Auxiliary Fourth Vice Presidents.

Partial reports were received from twenty-nine Conferences for the quarters ending September 30 and December 31. The reports were necessarily imperfect, as the majority of the auxiliaries have not as yet organized according to the plans given in the Constitution. Many auxiliaries have not realized the necessity for having Fourth Vice Presidents.

Quarterly report blanks and social service studies were sent to all Conferences in both the Home and Foreign Departments. Those Conference Societies having no Fourth Vice President have hindered the work to some extent, as they have had no link of communication between the Council and the auxiliaries. The literature in such cases was sent to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, the majority of whom made most kind and courteous response to this additional tax on their time. A few Conference Secretaries refused to distribute this literature.

The following Conference Societies reported for the two quarters: Alabama (Home), Arkansas (Home), Baltimore (Home), Columbia (United), Central Texas (United), East Columbia (Home), Florida (United), Holston (United), Kentucky (United), Little Rock (Home), Los Angeles (United), Louisiana (United), Memphis (United), Mississippi (Home), Missouri (Home), North Alabama (United), North Georgia (United), North Carolina (Home), South Georgia (Home), Southwest Missouri (Home and Foreign), South Carolina (Home), Tennessee (United), Texas (United), West Texas (United), Western Virginia (United), Western North Carolina (Home), West Oklahoma (United), Virginia (Home), and White River (United).

Any statistics for the work of this period of five months would give an incorrect idea of the real amount of work done. It has been largely educational and inspirational; and time, faith, and vision are not reducible to figures in this instance.

Considering the period of time, the results are marvelous. Women throughout the Church are being moved to make an intelligent study of the wrong conditions under which many of their neighbors are living,

working, and suffering; and are taking definite steps to correct such conditions.

The social service studies for the year 1912, on child welfare, are meeting with general approval.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, MRS. J. B. COBB, SECRETARY.

"Speak unto the people that they go forward."

Twenty Conferences have been united since the last meeting. Others have been fondly anticipating the time when both departments would realize that union is desirable. Still others firmly believe that the best interests of the work may be conserved by remaining separate. "So mote it be."

The Father has blessed the efforts made in his name for his cause. The success of the past year did not come exclusively through the efforts of the single or the united Conferences.

STATISTICS.

	Auxiliaries 1912.	Members 1912.
Adult	2,793	69,138
Young People	528	11,316
Children	762	19,432
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Total	4,083	99,886
Babies enrolled		8,004

Largest number of babies enrolled is 513, by the Tennessee Conference Society.

Largest number of Juniors enrolled is 435, by the Tennessee Conference Society.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The Treasurer has a beautiful story to tell, but I must anticipate her slightly by saying that the amount collected during the ten months which constituted our last fiscal year is \$244,952.44, a proportionate increase over the previous year of about \$18,000.

DEED TO PROPERTY.

The deeds to the property in Mexico were originally held in the name of Miss N. E. Holding, since at the time of the purchase no religious organization could own property in Mexico. This law having been changed, an appropriation was made three years ago for the transfer of these deeds from the name of Miss Holding. This was begun in the early part of 1910, and it has only recently been finished. The transfer of the deeds has cost \$2,102.

The final payment has been made on the property at Guadalajara, and a most beautiful plant it is.

The former MacDonell Institute, Durango, Mexico, has recently been sold by the advice of Bishop Hendrix and by the order of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions three years ago. The price was \$19,000 (Mexican).

GIFTS.

During the year but few special gifts came into our hands. Among those received were the following: An annuity of \$1,000 by Mrs. Sarah Reynold, Pulaski, Tenn.; a bequest of \$1,400 from the estate of Mrs. Harris Umberger, Wytheville, Va., interest to be used for two scholarships in Korea; eighty-five dollars in memory of Mrs. Sarah Glendinning, of Missouri, by her children. The children of Mrs. Glendinning thought that their mother would be better pleased if they spent less on a monument at her grave, and gave the money for a memorial in the missionary society that she loved so much. The money was given to Mary Black Hospital, in Soochow.

MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

A careful study has been made of the quarterly reports and of the financial and educational policy of the various schools in our mission fields.

The investigation and results show that there must be a decided change in the policy of some of our schools as to curriculum, class of students, and requirements for admission.

CORRELATION.

In all our fields it is desirable that there should be correlation of schools, so that the strength of missionaries and the wise administration of funds may be conserved. The highest classes in schools where there are small numbers can all be sent to one school and be taught more effectively than in two or three separate schools. Curriculum in certain countries should conform to the government censor's course of study, and there should be intensive rather than extensive methods of work in all departments of our missionary life.

In Mexico there should be a meeting of our missionaries once a year, at which time the policy, curriculum, and correlation of schools should be studied. At the same time estimates from each school should be presented and approved by the body before they are sent to the Council.

INSURANCE.

Efforts have been made to learn the exact amount expended in insurance; but missionaries, in the rush of their busy lives, crowd insurance, incidentals, and repairs all into one item and ask for appropriations for this combination. The carrying of our own insurance might be a wise plan, thus placing year after year in a sinking fund all money now paid to insurance companies.

CHINA.

"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might"

The work of the missionaries has been one of the most important factors in the present revolution in China, which is perhaps the most remarkable in the history of the world. "China is no longer the sleeping giant, but is wide awake. When he moves he has not a retinue of tens of millions, as European sovereigns have, but a retinue of *hundreds* of millions, and practically of one race and one language." God is in the movement, and will work it out in his own miraculous way. The great leader of the revolution, Sun Yat Sen, the son of an evangelist and educated in a mission school, is a Christian; and he has said: "China's greatest hope is the Bible and education."

The marvelous changes being wrought in this land are a challenge to the Church. The changes denote a revolution in every department of life—educational, social, political, industrial, economic, and religious. The Church must be prepared to meet the evolution. Missionaries, Christian teachers, Christian business men, and Christian leaders must be sent out in great numbers to capture and hold the land for Christ. God help us to prepare for this on the same great scale in which China itself is moving! We are facing not only an opportunity but a crisis.

Even before the revolution, China was aroused on the subject of education. The plan had already been conceived of supplying an elementary school for every four hundred families within the next ten years—that is, school accommodation for forty-five millions. But the supply of schools will not materially aid China unless the teachers be Christians and be in a position to develop China along lines best for itself and in harmony with what will be best for all humanity. The highest efficiency in educational work can be secured only through the establishment of union schools under the charge of several Mission Boards. This principle of union has been worked successfully in portions of China, there being already in operation, with varying degrees of success, twenty-seven union schools. Trained educators, after visiting the field and studying the situation, are recommending the establishment of a few great central universities—veritable universities. As feeders to these there will be colleges for men and women established in various cities, to which, in turn, high schools organized in many places shall be feeders. These are all to be union schools.

At the meeting of the Central China Educational Union at Kuling last summer a committee was appointed to take action with reference to the establishment of a Union Woman's College in the Yangtse Valley. Our own Miss Pyle was made chairman of this committee, which consists of Dr. Venie J. Lee, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission; Miss Laura White, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission; and Miss Dodson, of the Episcopal Mission. It is probable that this woman's college will be lo-

cated at Nanking, but no definite action has been taken to that effect. The action of our Conference in Shanghai in October is given elsewhere.

McTyeire School.

Miss Claiborne with much emphasis called the attention of the Conference last October to the crowded condition of McTyeire and of the necessity of either curtailing the work of the school or of putting up new buildings. Every foot of available space is occupied; and young Chinese women, eager for admission and able to pay, are turned away.

The time has come when something definite should be done toward substantially aiding McTyeire, so that it may be prepared for a great work when peace is declared.

An appropriation has been asked for Woman's work at Hongkew, a portion of Shanghai, near the Anglo-Chinese College.

Sungkong.

The Hayes-Wilkins Bible School and Susan B. Wilson School, at Sungkong, are about an hour's ride from Shanghai by train.

Mrs. Gaither should have a really first-class school woman associated with her—one who can help her bear the burdens and share the joy of training Bible women to teach the Scriptures to their less fortunate sisters.

Miss Waters wishes to add a kindergarten department to the prosperous Susan B. Wilson School, and asks permission to buy a lot for this purpose. Both schools are doing good work.

Huchow.

Huchow is always attractive to us because of the presiding genius of Tennessee Home, our first missionary, Miss Lochie Rankin, who by her fine service in those early days has helped to make life easy for the missionaries of to-day. Memphis School and West Gate Annex School are under her supervision, and both are in a prosperous condition. Virginia School is extending the circle of its influence by reaching the daughters of some of the richest gentry of the place. A broader field of usefulness is opening before this institution, which stands in its beauty as a stronghold for Christ. Ten girls have entered recently who wish to take special English preparatory to medical work. The Bible women's work is enlarging the Church in this district and helping to point women to the Saviour of the world.

Soochow.

The grounds of the Laura Haygood School form a beautiful setting for the splendid building erected by North Georgia's generous contributions. The girls show the wise training of Miss Pyle and her fine band of workers, and the schoolrooms and library show the beginning of well-planned equipment. The Y. W. C. A. of the school is doing missionary

work by supporting a scholarship in the kindergarten at West Soochow. Another missionary is needed at Laura Haygood, and one should be supplied, since Miss Pyle has been given charge of the day schools of the district; and she should be freed from the schoolroom, that she may study the larger interests of her rapidly developing work.

The hospital, with its chapel service, its clinic, its operating room, its public and private wards, sun rooms for the inevitable tuberculosis patients, its medical school, and its nurse-training class, forms a scene of intense activity. The Red Cross has made the medical profession so popular that more pupils are applying than can possibly be received. One ward has been divided, so that more rooms are available for nurses, and other space still is needed. This gives some idea of how popular nursing and medicine have become, and it is fortunate that we can give this training just at this time. Our medical school is the only chartered one for women in all that part of China.

The evangelistic work of the district is growing. A new work has been opened by Miss Rogers at Kong Hong, in the center of the city. A kindergarten is established there also. Miss Tarrant, at West Soochow, and Misses Anderson and Leveritt, at Changchow, are all extending their borders, for there is an eagerness to hear the gospel which is new to China. Miss Mary Culler White has charge of the outstation evangelistic work, and would not exchange her mission for any within our gift. She says: "The way has opened in place after place, and it has now become the natural thing to tie a picture roll to the low eaves of a village house, mount a stool, and *preach*."

During the first week of the Chinese New Year there was a great evangelistic campaign in Soochow. Simultaneous meetings were held in all the chapels of the city, with a union announcement containing all the locations. The subjects for each day and evening were the same in all the chapels, all being on the general theme, "New People for the New Nation." There are over seventy probationers at Tien Sz-Tsang, the part of Soochow where the University, professors' homes, hospitals, and Laura Haygood are located.

*Davidson Memorial.**

Let us take sedan chairs and go to West Soochow, which is two miles distant. It is quite the style now to have an all-day meeting, with a banquet at noon or night; so we will fall into line with the custom and accept the invitation of the missionaries at Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yeon, West Soochow, to spend the day with them.

There is much to see—not only Davidson Memorial proper but also the Industrial School, the kindergarten, the church, and the Louise Home. All of these are within one compound, which is surrounded by a high, close wall. But here we are at the gate, and there is Miss Atkinson,

*This was written for a leaflet and introduced here to show how a day can be spent at our mission stations.

head of the whole establishment, waiting just inside, eager to welcome us to her home; and near her are Misses Tarrant and Beadle, ready to conduct us over the premises.

Louise Home.

Louise Home, the residence occupied by our missionaries, is the first building reached; but it is not entered, as we shall go into it later for tiffin, the midday meal. We pass on to the girls' boarding school, a large structure built around a square court. It contains recitation rooms, dining room, dormitories, music rooms, and Miss Atkinson's bedroom and office. Recently other bedrooms have been wonderfully contrived in this building for other missionaries who were needed for the conduct of the work. Louise Home has only four bedrooms, two of which are small, and one of these has no fireplace.

We first enter the chapel, where the pupils from all departments are assembled. This is really a separate building from the boarding department, and opens on the street. It is also used as a church, where services are held regularly. At the door we meet Misses Lester, Martin, Otis, and Hendry. A prayer service is held which impresses us, although not a word is understood; but the hymns are familiar, the prayer is earnest, and the Spirit of the Lord rests upon us.

From the chapel we are conducted through the recitation rooms, where we note the absence of maps, charts, pictures, blackboards, and some other modern appliances necessary for successful teaching. The dormitories, on the second floor, are inviting in appearance, with their white-curtained beds and pretty comforts neatly folded and placed lengthwise upon the beds. The Chinese dining room is reached at the tiffin hour, and we are eager to see the girls at their noonday meal. Eight girls sit at each table of beautifully varnished native wood, without tablecloth, and, with chopsticks, eat their frugal, simple meal. The odors are savory, the food looks good, and a part of it is nice even to foreign palates; but we are not invited to share their meal, so we do not linger.

The pupils of the school are the daughters of our native Christians, of the native preachers, and of the poor, none of whom are able to pay very much for board and tuition, some of whom cannot even furnish clothing for themselves. A few are able to pay all expenses and to afford music.

But our tiffin is ready and waiting, and we must hurry to Louise Home. Genuine Eastern hospitality dwells there, and the missionaries would not feel that we had visited them if we did not take a meal with them. The hall is entered. On the left is a reception room which to-day becomes a dining room. The folding doors connecting the reception room and dining room are thrown open, and the two rooms afford space for the members of the large party. A simple but delicious meal is served—a real home luncheon, such as we should have in the United States, for the missionaries eat American food. It is well prepared by

Chinese men, who become most efficient cooks. But we must hurry on upstairs to see the bedrooms of the Home. They are furnished in regular American style, and for the moment we forget that we are in a foreign country. A few of the party go out on the upstairs porch, from which is obtained a view of the compound.

Our premises are next door to the yamen, the official residence of the Governor, and the wall has fallen in some places, exposing our property to the riffraff that often assembles in the yamen inclosure. In China official property is rarely repaired, and now, during the revolution, it is an absolute necessity that this work *be attended to at an early date*.

The kindergarten is the next place visited. This and the Industrial School are on the opposite side of the Louise Home from the buildings already seen. Here we find Miss Martin surrounded by her eighty little tots, who soon convince us that childhood is the same the world over. Quick of ear, keen of sight, they are being trained in the full use of ears, eyes, hands, and hearts. In another room there is a trained class of grown girls getting ready to take charge of the kindergartens that are springing up all over China. But we must visit the Industrial School, close by. This has been occupied only a short time, yet this department has developed so rapidly that even now another building is a necessity, for which the land must be purchased, since the compound is already crowded. The remarkable success of Davidson Memorial in all its departments is its greatest embarrassment. On entering the Industrial School workroom we find the women sitting at the embroidery frames, two at each frame, facing each other. Their dainty, artistic, elaborate handiwork, samples of which are exhibited, delights the eye and æsthetic taste. This department gives a living to many homes, and through its influence several of these women have become regular Bible women, while others have become pupils in the Davidson Memorial, taking the full course. (Note in the reports from the Foreign Department, page 239, the great part the Industrial School is now taking among families in West Soochow.)

The new building has no chapel or classrooms connected with it, so the women have to sit at their embroidery frames during morning prayers; and though they are packed most uncomfortably in the rooms, the Bible women teach them there all day, class by class.

A chapel is not needed simply for the Industrial School women, but for meetings for outside women and probationers. These services are now held in Davidson Memorial Chapel, and the gathering of the women and the singing disturb the school work. Then, too, the outside women, according to Eastern custom roam at will over the premises, which is objectionable yet cannot under existing conditions be controlled.

In connection with the chapel there is to be a clinic room. For years Dr. Polk has been holding an out-clinic once a week in one of the schoolrooms in Davidson Memorial. This clinic room is needed for the

sake of the school and for the community. Crowds gather there weekly for treatment, attending also the evangelistic services held in connection with the clinics. This is all necessary, and is fruitful in results; but these women bring contagious and loathsome diseases within the school, thus endangering the lives of the pupils and missionaries.

Another room in this building is needed for a day nursery.

The development of this work at Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yeon is marvelous, for it has grown into an Institutional Church, and presents features of a high-grade social settlement. The evolution is wonderful, and still the wonder grows when we consider the small appropriation given each year and the few women who have constituted the teaching force. And still the wonder grows when we consider that Miss Atkinson has superintended the whole plant with so little money and so little assistance. Another great need in this work is a stenographer and book-keeper.

But the roseate hues of the west remind us that the day is nearly gone, and there is only time left for a peep into the laundry and kitchen and a hurried visit to Miss Tarrant's day school for boys.

We got hold of a State secret that day which is being told to just a few persons with the usual request in connection with a secret. We whisper it to you. In love affairs—and Christianity has brought love affairs into China and given boys and girls a right to take part in the plans for their marriages—Miss Atkinson acts as "middleman" and marries her girls to Miss Tarrant's boys, and plants Christian homes in that part of the city.

Davidson Memorial, with its various departments, should not be hampered by its needs. It pleads for better equipment, for more workers, for a large appropriation. Who will provide money for furnishing the home, for securing a piano, for equipping schools, for purchasing a lot, for erecting the necessary buildings? We beg the women to "loose Davidson Memorial and let her go."

Evangelistic workers are the need of China at this time. At the first meeting of the Evangelistic Association of China, held a year ago, the fact was brought out that the number of evangelists in China has decreased. There are more missionaries than formerly, but fewer evangelists.

KOREA.

"Be strong and of good courage."

The spread of the gospel in Korea has been phenomenal. Unprecedented success is sometimes but the forerunner of reverses and persecution. The Lord God omnipotent reigneth; he will care for his own. The following sentence, taken from a letter of the early fall, was read and reread and read again and put aside as the expression of a gloomy moment that comes to all: "Our missionaries return sometimes from their country trips a bit discouraged; the people are not accepting

Christ as formerly." Now I see that it was the conviction of an earnest heart, which scrutinized the present in the light of the past, weighed its occurring events, and anticipated the influence on the future. The work goes on, though with not the enthusiasm of the past. Hearts cannot but be saddened when they recognize their utter helplessness to relieve a distressing situation. Be of good courage.

The number of our missionaries in Korea during the past year was five less than during the previous year. Three furloughs were due, and twice the wedding bells pealed forth. Six young women went out last fall, but their time has been given fully to language study in Seoul, according to a new plan suggested by the Mission.

Carolina Institute and three day schools in Seoul have been under the management of Misses Lillian Nichols and Bertha Smith, and the woman's work has been in charge of the wives of missionaries. The policy for the boarding school has been decided upon, and the new buildings will be erected as soon as plans have been received and acted upon by the committee at Nashville. The general plan is for a home for missionaries and a boarding department for about sixty girls, to be located on the beautiful hill property. Near by will be the classrooms, built of less expensive material and according to the Japanese requirements as to light and ventilation. An industrial department will be introduced. The Methodist Episcopal school contains a college department, and the Presbyterian a normal department. Thus there can be an interchange of work among the pupils of these schools. The spiritual condition of the school has been unusual even in Korea, every boarding pupil having professed a change of heart. The present Carolina Institute will probably be devoted to woman's work under the charge of Miss Ivey.

Songdo.

Miss Ellasue Wagner has held the fort alone at Songdo almost ever since our last meeting—neither a pleasant nor an easy thing to do—and while the new missionaries have studied the language in Seoul, Miss Wagner at Songdo has studied the method by which one foreign missionary, unaided by any foreign or even well-trained native teacher, can manage a school of 152 girls, arrange the schedule for classes, supply a boarding department of eighty-five persons with three meals a day in a house without a fire and with the thermometer hovering constantly near the freezing point. (The house is to be steam-heated, but the furnace has not been installed.) Bravely Miss Wagner stood the test, and in her report to the annual meeting of the Mission she writes: "My girls are my glory and my crown. If there were no other pleasure in the world but the joy of seeing their progress in spiritual and mental development, it would be a glorious and rich reward."

In addition to Holston Institute, there are located at Songdo the Joy Hardie Bible School, under Miss Erwin; the Mary Helm School, in charge of Miss Johnstone; and two day schools. The Joy Hardie Bible

School is for grown women, whom it prepares for Bible work in the villages and country districts. The students last year came from nineteen different circuits. Ten thousand dollars was appropriated two years ago for a building, and it is probable that the architect may be ready to plan for this work in the fall.

While the Mary Helm School is the youngest of all the works in the Mission, it fills an important place, for it has supplied a larger number of teachers and more satisfactory teachers for day schools than any other institution. This is a school for Korean widows, and their age and the fact that they have been married command the respect of the Korean. The Mission at the annual meeting indorsed the request sent to the Council in the spring for \$1,800 for a building for the Mary Helm School. The Butler Vanguard, of Memphis, very generously gave \$500 for the erection of a day school, and it is hoped that it will be built in the near future.

The evangelistic work done in this district has been productive of much good.

Wonsan.

The Lucy Cuninggim, at Wonsan, will soon be in its new home, much to the delight of the missionaries and girls; for while the grounds of the old property are attractive, the buildings are inadequate for the pupils who wish to enter. The school takes only boarders. The pupils have been well trained in classroom and Church work. Miss Myers should be particularly commended for the beautiful, prompt, and thorough manner in which she keeps the donors of her scholarships in touch with their beneficiaries. This may account partially for the fact that the Lucy Cuninggim has a larger number of scholarships than any other school in our Mission.

The Alice Cobb Bible School and the evangelistic work of the district are successfully conducted by Miss Kate Cooper, ably assisted by Mrs. J. B. Ross and Mrs. Peerman. This school has been of inestimable value in training the women, who have, in turn, taught classes in their respective villages. During the year Miss Cooper has visited country places in which no foreign woman had ever been, and everywhere the women heard her gladly.

Our one day school in Wonsan, with its 130 pupils, has been superintended by Mrs. Peerman. A building has just been completed at the Choong Ni Church, in which a girls' day school has been opened.

One of the great needs of Wonsan is a trained nurse for the hospital under the charge of Dr. Ross. Mrs. Ross has generously worked for us ever since her marriage without any remuneration, and we can now show our appreciation of this most beautiful service by lending Dr. Ross our nurse for a year or two.

The presiding elder of the Choon Chun District says: "Perhaps the most noticeable progress in the whole district has been in the woman's department, which is largely due to the good work done by Miss Edwards

and her Bible women." She has traveled much during the year, and she and our other missionaries in Korea have learned that itineration is no easy matter in the country districts. Cots, bedding, cooking utensils, crockery, silver, provisions, and other necessities have to be taken on these trips, as the Korean homes can supply none of these articles.

The girls' day school built by contributions from West Market Street Sunday School, Greensboro, N. C., from the missionaries, and from the natives has been well managed by Mrs. Hitch and Miss Edwards.

There has been a large ingathering of members during the year, although the number of missionaries is small. Their labors have been abundantly blessed. The Church's greatest need is women missionaries set apart to do only evangelistic work in the country.

MEXICO.

A recent trip to Mexico furnished a fine view of the field. The school at Laredo has missed the inspiring presence of the Misses Holding, who for so many years have by their forceful influence impressed for good the thousands of young lives intrusted to their care. They hope to return to the work in the fall. The school has been managed by Miss Park, with the assistance of other missionaries and the teaching force. Recently twenty-eight of the girls from the older classes were received into the Church, and the scene presented as they gathered about the altar of Faith Hall to take the vows of the Church was most impressive.

Our property in Laredo contains seventeen acres, with five large buildings and several smaller ones. The schoolrooms are not well supplied, but the other appointments of the place are fairly good.

The school at Saltillo is doing splendidly, with Miss Roberts in charge. The new property is paid for, the price having been \$17,500. It faces the Alameda, a large park, well kept up by the government. Two bishops have ascribed statesmanlike qualities to Miss Roberts, and she has certainly shown herself a woman of affairs. Three times recently she has called upon the new Governor, and each time accomplished the object of her visit. Once she went to get our new property exempted from taxation, or rather to show a copy of a law passed several years ago exempting from taxation any property then in our possession or that we might hereafter own. The second visit had for its object the sale of our present property to the State as a boarding place for State Normal girls. She called in the morning, and that afternoon the Governor and six legislators came to inspect the building. The third visit was to secure an appropriation to our school from the State, a recent law having been enacted empowering the Governor to grant from \$50 to \$100 (Mexican) a month to any worthy school, public or private, that teaches the government course and admits a few pupils selected by the Governor from the best families. The maximum amount, \$100 a month, was granted, and the first payment has been made.

Our schools in Mexico should be correlated with the normal department of this school, and this one should be as thoroughly equipped as the State Normal in Saltillo, each room of which is supplied not only with school appliances but with electric clock and telephone.

The pupils in Saltillo represent twelve States. Of the sixty in the normal department, all but six are Church members. Graduates of the school are teaching in nine States. A member of the class of 1906 married the Mexican Ambassador recently sent to Washington. Others are serving the Church in many places. This school is the only girls' school in all Mexico that was invited to send a representative to the National Educational Congress, which met last fall in the City of Mexico.

Miss Hooper fits into the school most admirably, and is quite happy in her present surroundings.

Through the influence of our school, the Church at Saltillo is nearly self-supporting.

San Luis.

Miss Moling is again at the head of the school at San Luis Potosi, and her quiet, forceful influence has strengthened with the passing years. There are three departments in the school: The kindergarten, with fifteen pupils; English, with forty-eight; and Spanish, with fifty-two. Many of the pupils are children of our native Christians, who are able to pay but small amounts to the school. The better class are in the English department, and all pay tuition. The pupils of the English department are principally from Catholic families; but they do not object to Bible study. Mexican girls from respectable families are now beginning to work as stenographers, bookkeepers, and clerks, and the knowledge of English insures for them better salaries.

Miss Laura Lee has been connected with the school for fourteen years as teacher; and well has she filled her place, not only in school but in the Sunday school, Epworth League, and visitation work. There is no American in San Luis who has a stronger hold on the people of the city. During these fourteen years—most of which time she has received only \$350 per year—Miss Lee has taken no vacation from school work; and when a rest was proposed for her, people and teachers alike said: "She deserves one, but how can we manage without Miss Lee?"

Guadalajara.

Our property at Guadalajara is beautiful and well fitted for school purposes. The rooms are large and finely ventilated, forming a delightful contrast to our quarters in Mexico City.

The policy of the school should be changed in both the financial and educational departments. The pupils should be required to make some payment, small though it be, and the school should meet government requirements. By close watching the finances have been so managed

this past year as to incur no debts. The young women have gone on regularly with their work despite riots and revolution, and amid surroundings that were not always conducive to a calm state of mind. Good work has been bravely done under most trying conditions.

Mexico City.

A large, prosperous school—the largest and most popular one for girls in Mexico City—despite the worst possible conditions, gives some idea of what Miss Case could accomplish if she were favorably located. There are no words too strong to portray the real, positive need for a change of location. The house, for which we pay nearly \$4,500 rent each year, is dark, gloomy, poorly ventilated, poorly lighted, and, worse still, with sewerage that is a menace to the lives of its inmates. The sun never reaches the bedroom occupied by Miss Case, and some of the other workers are as uncomfortably located. There are no windows in bedrooms, no transoms over doors, no ventilation except through open doors. Would you like to occupy one of those rooms? Schoolrooms without windows are so dark that in some of them electric lights have to be used all day, to the injury of the eyes of teachers and pupils. Would you like to teach there? One missionary has been forced to put on spectacles during the last month; a teacher is suffering from an abscessed ear, it having risen twice since January; the kindergarten teacher is hovering between life and death, this being the eighth week of typhoid fever—all caused, the physicians say, by the condition of the house.

Poor Miss Case! Brave Miss Case! Who else could have endured such conditions? All honor to the woman who, despite such environments, can sustain the largest school for girls in Mexico City! If she had failed, if there were not still almost daily applications from the daughters of the best families in the city—even from Madero himself—then we might consider closing the school. Poor reward of merit! Poor return for success! God grant that relief may come, and that the large, commodious house, with bright, sunny, airy rooms, in beautiful grounds on a splendid street, may be secured, and Miss Case and her co-laborers be made to rejoice! Day after day, week after week Miss Case and a real estate agent have looked for a house to rent, and finally this lovely place was found. We now pay nearly \$4,500 for rent. Sometimes it is wiser to assume a financial obligation than to pass by an open door.

The political conditions of Mexico prevented my reaching Durango and Chihuahua, both of which places were cut off from the world for weeks. Both schools are doing well. The most beautiful atmosphere has pervaded the home life at Durango, and everybody has been happy. The exercises have been uninterrupted, and new pupils have been gained each week. Better equipment is sorely needed.

Misses Wilson and Harper have had no thought of leaving Chihuahua,

though some have insisted upon their doing so. They have met with difficulties. The country people, who have been forced into the city for protection, are unable to meet their payment; and Miss Wilson finds herself embarrassed financially, a new experience for this fine business woman. She asks for help from the Council.

No fears are felt for the personal safety of these women. General Orozco is their personal friend. He is a Protestant. His wife is a member of our Sunday school and missionary society. Three of their children are in our school, and another was recently baptized in Holding Hall, the chapel of the Institute.

There is no finer school in our whole mission work. A self-supporting Church and fine examples of a strong Christian manhood and womanhood are the product of this the second largest school in Southern Methodism.

BRAZIL.

"Lovest thou me? . . . Feed my lambs."

The work of the year in Brazil has been fine, particularly when we consider the disadvantages under which our missionaries have labored. Crowded quarters, inadequate supply of teachers, and poor equipment have hampered the efforts of our brave women. Still, advance has marked every institution, with perhaps but one exception, and a careful study of the quarterly financial reports of the school shows that they have reached the better class of people, who are ready, willing, and able to pay for the instruction of their children.

The call of Brazil, as of other fields, is for specialists—manual training and domestic science specialists, music teachers, kindergartners, and nurses. At the annual meeting of our missionaries the question of unity among women's organizations in Brazil was discussed and a committee appointed to present the subject to the bishop.

An Educational Congress followed this annual meeting. The schools of the Presbyterian Board at Lavras, the Granbery (of Juiz de Fora), and our schools at Rio, Petropolis, Juiz de Fora, Piracicaba, Ribeirao Preto, and Bello Horizonte were represented. The curricula of these schools were compared and a committee appointed to correlate the Protestant schools of Brazil, to plan for preparation in Portuguese of suitable textbooks to meet the demand, and to invite other denominations to join the organization. The meeting, though small, may eventually prove of great moment in the history of the education of this country.

Rio de Janeiro.

The Girls' School in Rio continues its work in dark, unattractive quarters, with a growing indebtedness and decrease of numbers. Those in charge are waiting patiently, believingly for developments in the form of a large lot and a commodious house. The results accomplished under the present unfavorable conditions are scarcely a fair test of

what could be done under different circumstances. Large grounds, a commodious building, splendid equipment, and strong, experienced, highly qualified teachers will command the respect of the community.

The school at Jardim Botânico is flourishing.

Our missionaries at Central Mission are doing a telling and far-reaching work. The day school, night classes, cooking and sewing clubs, kindergarten and dispensary are touching hundreds of lives. The playground, provided by the city, furnishes exercise amid beautiful and healthful surroundings. A trained nurse and directress of the day school are greatly needed.

Parochial schools are advocated by Miss Glenn. Schools in connection with Cattete and Villa Isabel Churches similar to those at Jardim Botânico and Central Mission would command an enrollment of six hundred the first year. There is no city in all our mission fields that presents such great opportunities for real evangelistic work and with such a small outlay of money.

The Petropolis school is growing in numbers and popularity, and seems to be entering upon a new era of usefulness. Never in the history of the school have so many pupils been present the first day as at the last opening. The building is filled to its utmost capacity, but a school always has room for one more.

Similar reports of unusual attendance come from Juiz de Fora—100 the first day, 105 the second, and others to follow. At Bello Horizonte the opening was the largest in the history of the school. So more missionaries and better equipment are needed at every point. Strong women are needed. The missionaries say that it seems useless to send others, for they have to cope with all that Europe has cast off; the superstition and low ideals of the army of friars and nuns from Portugal; the levity, immorality, and atheism from France; and the worst elements of some other nations—in all of which there is nothing to uplift.

Piracicaba.

The Martha Watts Annex, in Piracicaba, is nearing completion. The plan of building is good and the grade of work first-class. Yet Miss Stradley has had a most difficult problem to solve—that of making \$25,000 stretch so as to cover a \$30,000 house. When the building is completed and the present house is repaired and repainted, it will form one of the most commodious school buildings in Brazil—"a strong fortress for the gospel of Christ in the great State of Sao Paulo, the greatest State of one of the greatest countries of the world, and a suitable memorial of our pioneer to Brazil."

Land has been recently bought in Ribeirao Preto, and it will constitute a beautiful location for a house when the money is in hand. The school has a strong influence in the city, and has called forth favors from the "Coffee King" of the place, a man owning the largest coffee possessions in the world.

Strictly evangelistic work is being done in only one place (Sao Paulo), where one woman is working among a large number of Italians, depending upon them alone for companionship. Only a brave woman can work cheerfully under such conditions. Another worker is asked for.

Porto Alegre.

A fine work has been done in Porto Alegre, in the South Brazil Mission, where for most of the year one woman stood alone to meet all difficulties and hindrances to work. The Council owns no property there. The city is growing rapidly, and the price of property is keeping pace with the growth of the city, and will soon be beyond our reach; and yet there is no money in the treasury with which to buy now.

Miss Wright, who had managed the day school of the Institutional Church with marked ability, has left our work and accepted a position under the Home Department.

This great "Neglected Continent," rich in its opportunities for usefulness and devotion to our Lord, appeals strongly to our hearts and calls upon us for the best there is in us. Christ, with a yearning in his heart for the people whom he died to save, looks at them and then at us, and, with tenderness in the eye and earnest entreaty in the voice, asks: "Lovest thou me? . . . Feed my sheep."

CUBA.

The two schools in Cuba have moved on smoothly during the year. There may have been disappointments and heartaches, but only calm exteriors have been presented. No perplexing problems from these schools have brought sleepless nights to the Secretary. They have been a joy.

As the new building at Matanzas is located some distance from the center of the city, there has been a decrease in the patronage; but good roads are now in contemplation, and, if present plans succeed, the number of day pupils will increase. The spiritual atmosphere of both schools is fine. Another missionary is asked for at Matanzas.

If more missionaries or missionary teachers could be sent to the schools of Cuba and Mexico, our principals would be relieved from the inharmonious element occasioned by the presence of women who are seeking health in a new clime or trying life in a foreign country.

INDIAN WORK.

The Indian work has been under the charge of Miss Maud Welch, who has been engaged principally in evangelistic work, with fine results. This work properly belongs to the Home Department, and perhaps at this meeting something may be done that will strengthen its hold alike upon the Indians and the women of the Church.

STATION PLAN.

This is a method that has been adopted by Congregationalists, Northern Presbyterians, and other denominations for securing money for the support of a definite work in a definite station. Those experienced in mission work consider this the best plan for special objects which has been tried. This links one to the school instead of the scholar. It keeps up personal contact with the field, for donors are in touch with the station in which their money is placed and with the missionaries who have charge of it. Individual auxiliaries, districts, or Conferences can unite in the support of a station, and thus become shareholders. Such giving lifts the motive; then one gives to the work—to Korea, China, or other fields—and not to a Korean or Chinese or Mexican, etc. It is more broadening to be connected with the work than with an individual.

This is not intended to interfere with the support of missionaries, but it is better and broader than the support of individual scholarships and Bible women. The work adopted must always be one to which an appropriation has been made, and the contributions made must be intended to meet that appropriation.

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP."

"Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." I bring anew this old message from the Master's lips. You recall the incident. The men had toiled all night, toiled fruitlessly; and now they sit in their boats with tired bodies, worn muscles, and despondent hearts, when the Master bids them "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Simon Peter answered: "Master, we have toiled all night, and caught nothing." He scarcely believed it was necessary to make another effort, since failure had marked the laborious work of the night. But it is the Master's voice, and there is magic in the tones and command in the message and faith-inspiring power in the eyes; and Peter cries out: "At thy word I will let down the net." They push rapidly from the shallows into the deep; they let down the net, and one boat is filled, two boats are filled with a "*multitude of fishes*."

That same message comes to us to-day with tremendous force and significance just at this crisis in our work. "Launch out into the deep, and let down your net for a draught." There is great need for more prayer, more power, more workers at home and in the foreign field, more money; but let us not consider the question of money too much. It is of importance, but the great question is the Spirit of God in the hearts of men.

"Launch out into the deep, and let down your net for a draught." Can we not place our hands in the hands of our Christ, and, relying upon his power, say with united voice and firm faith, "'At thy word I will let down the net?'"

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CONFERENCE.	Number of Dis- tricts.	Adult Auxiliaries.	New Adult Mem- bers.	Young People's Societies.	Young People's Societies.	New Young People's Members.	New Young People's Members.	Junior Divisions.	New Junior Members.	Junior Members.	New Junior Members.	Baby Division.	Babies Enrolled.	Total Members.	Life Members.	New Life Mem- bers.	Honorary Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Subscribers to Missionary Voice.	Subscribers to Young Christian Worker.	Scholarships.	Bible Women.	Prize for Foreign Department.	Week of Prayer (Offering).	Master Offering.
Alabama.....	10	98	4	3,350	290	100	18	215	4	3,725	77	8	3,725	77	8	3,725	77	8	3,725	77	8	3,725	77	8	3,725	77
Arkansas.....	5	526	4	5,522	337	94	23	370	134	5,470	54	70	5,470	54	70	5,470	54	70	5,470	54	70	5,470	54	70	5,470	54
Baltimore.....	1	90	4	2,552	33	33	23	370	443	3,250	341	70	3,250	341	70	3,250	341	70	3,250	341	70	3,250	341	70	3,250	341
Central Texas.....	12	86	14	2,524	325	217	14	849	443	3,590	240	443	3,590	240	443	3,590	240	443	3,590	240	443	3,590	240	443	3,590	240
Columbia.....	1	1	1	80	20	20	1	849	443	100	2	443	100	2	443	100	2	443	100	2	443	100	2	443	100	2
Denver.....	12	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290
East Oklahoma.....	7	50	12	384	20	20	7	390	24	404	10	2	404	10	2	404	10	2	404	10	2	404	10	2	404	10
Florida.....	6	89	5	1,188	87	273	10	315	24	1,388	138	70	1,388	138	70	1,388	138	70	1,388	138	70	1,388	138	70	1,388	138
Holston.....	10	76	1,806	35	16	16	10	408	108	3,527	370	108	3,527	370	108	3,527	370	108	3,527	370	108	3,527	370	108	3,527	370
Kentucky.....	6	87	1,687	129	15	7	28	4	108	43	43	108	43	43	108	43	108	43	108	43	108	43	108	43	108	43
Little Rock.....	7	28	3	905	7	115	5	207	108	1,226	26	108	1,226	26	108	1,226	26	108	1,226	26	108	1,226	26	108	1,226	26
Los Angeles.....	2	16	1	314	56	1	314	31	20	181	20	31	181	20	31	181	20	31	181	20	31	181	20	31	181	20
Louisiana.....	1	40	1	997	10	5	8	181	20	1,294	33	20	1,294	33	20	1,294	33	20	1,294	33	20	1,294	33	20	1,294	33
Louisville.....	124	5	2,266	15	1	252	8	525	20	3,043	747	2	3,043	747	2	3,043	747	2	3,043	747	2	3,043	747	2	3,043	747
Memphis.....	8	114	29	2,325	315	616	48	1,065	95	4,003	292	76	4,003	292	76	4,003	292	76	4,003	292	76	4,003	292	76	4,003	292
Mississippi.....	7	63	6	1,370	84	53	10	95	1	1,518	76	1	1,518	76	1	1,518	76	1	1,518	76	1	1,518	76	1	1,518	76
Missouri.....	9	60	2	1,234	34	106	6	128	37	1,568	142	37	1,568	142	37	1,568	142	37	1,568	142	37	1,568	142	37	1,568	142
New Mexico.....	3	11	6	243	72	66	21	78	1	437	2	1	437	2	1	437	2	1	437	2	1	437	2	1	437	2
North Carolina.....	12	72	9	1,825	249	249	38	816	3	2,880	157	3	2,880	157	3	2,880	157	3	2,880	157	3	2,880	157	3	2,880	157
North Carolina.....	9	113	20	2,880	80	576	113	1,816	375	3,372	381	10	3,372	381	10	3,372	381	10	3,372	381	10	3,372	381	10	3,372	381
North Georgia.....	11	201	10	5,905	209	36	14	1,506	14	8,354	30	38	8,354	30	38	8,354	30	38	8,354	30	38	8,354	30	38	8,354	30
North Mississippi.....	8	83	4	1,460	85	20	5	1,006	22	1,929	63	2	1,929	63	2	1,929	63	2	1,929	63	2	1,929	63	2	1,929	63
North Texas.....	11	51	1	1,400	179	5	25	25	25	1,504	196	11	1,504	196	11	1,504	196	11	1,504	196	11	1,504	196	11	1,504	196
Northwest Texas.....	9	40	6	937	48	116	5	117	1	1,170	23	3	1,170	23	3	1,170	23	3	1,170	23	3	1,170	23	3	1,170	23
Pacific.....	3	20	1	567	16	1	1	19	8	610	3	3	610	3	3	610	3	3	610	3	3	610	3	3	610	3
South Carolina.....	12	252	12	5,684	491	491	26	7	2,940	379	369	19	3,318	56	3	3,318	56	3	3,318	56	3	3,318	56	3	3,318	56
South Carolina.....	10	190	7	4,351	32	701	32	673	123	5,731	369	19	5,731	369	19	5,731	369	19	5,731	369	19	5,731	369	19	5,731	369
S. W. Missouri.....	7	64	1	1,905	199	303	15	471	123	4,007	218	413	4,007	218	413	4,007	218	413	4,007	218	413	4,007	218	413	4,007	218
St. Louis.....	6	34	1	1,116	25	10	3	100	435	1,296	513	113	1,296	513	113	1,296	513	113	1,296	513	113	1,296	513	113	1,296	513
Tennessee.....	10	112	18	2,880	4	137	68	225	10	990	8	8	990	8	8	990	8	8	990	8	8	990	8	8	990	8
Texas.....	78	78	1,348	6	87	6	8	225	10	1,688	107	19	1,688	107	19	1,688	107	19	1,688	107	19	1,688	107	19	1,688	107
Virginia.....	10	219	14	6,740	600	67	7	2,487	96	9,502	232	78	9,502	232	78	9,502	232	78	9,502	232	78	9,502	232	78	9,502	232
West Texas.....	8	67	6	1,279	123	186	83	436	78	1,901	98	6	1,901	98	6	1,901	98	6	1,901	98	6	1,901	98	6	1,901	98
West Virginia.....	12	89	5	2,061	73	1,031	29	1,831	89	5,475	155	3	5,475	155	3	5,475	155	3	5,475	155	3	5,475	155	3	5,475	155
White River.....	5	16	5	560	39	160	76	341	133	1,057	37	3	1,057	37	3	1,057	37	3	1,057	37	3	1,057	37	3	1,057	37
Total.....	232	2,703	194	69,198	3,749	81	11,316	880	762	77	19,432	2365	126	8,001	99,886	5,436	455	1,674	216	23	22,346	7,293	457	194	3,749	81

Largest number ladies enrolled during the year is 513, by Tennessee Conference. Largest number Juniors enrolled during the year is 435, by Tennessee Conference.

HOME DEPARTMENT, MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, SECRETARY.

The ten months which have intervened between the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council and the writing of this report have been months of earnest effort on the part of all Home Mission workers. No reconstruction period is ever easy, and we cannot claim exception to the rule. Some have felt grieved over what to them has been forced union, and the friction necessary to the readjustment of departments has irritated many, but the motive power of all mission work has prevailed.

We now feel that the hardest part of reorganization has been effected, and our zeal and courage are not flagging. The spirit of union has far exceeded the anticipation of many who followed the work of the General Conference in its effort to bring the three missionary organizations of the Church into one body. Twenty Conferences—one-half of all—have united this year, while others will come together at their next annual meetings.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the Council in April, a circular letter was issued to every auxiliary which outlined the plan of work adopted; it gave also a list of appropriations and specials which had been recommended by the Council and authorized by the Board of Missions. The new Constitution and By-Laws for united auxiliaries, young people, and children was forwarded with the same. Explanations were made as to the mode of adapting this new Constitution to those auxiliaries which did not unite.

MEMBERSHIP.

We do not report large gain in numbers this year; indeed our growth in adult auxiliary membership is less than at any time in the last sixteen years. This we attribute to the confusion and do not believe that it is a permanent arrest of interest of our Methodist women.

The following shows our present status:

	Auxiliaries.	Members.
Adult	3,452	78,305
Young People	298	5,399
Junior Division	595	15,219*
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	4,345	98,923

This means an increase of:

Adult	22	1,303
Young People	112	1,598

This record, therefore, shows a net decrease of 2,740 members.

*The Junior Division shows a loss of 5,629.

The Conferences showing the largest growth in membership are: Memphis, Tennessee, North Alabama, Texas, and Western Virginia.

COLLECTIONS.

It must be remembered that this report gives the collections for only ten months, due to the change of our fiscal year. When this is borne in mind, there is reasonable cause for encouragement that we have at least not fallen behind, though the actual figures are less:

Dues	\$ 61,651 80
Conference Pledges	23,806 84
Specials	56,020 35
Endowment Funds	108 42
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Cash	\$141,587 41
City Missions, per voucher	46,851 33
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Total	\$188,438 74
Local Work	281,745 39
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	\$470,184 13

The small, very small increase in the average monthly collection of dues is an encouraging sign, from which we gather hope that with a fiscal year of full twelve months and less confusion a richer harvest may be gathered.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer collection this year amounted to.....\$10,991 55
Whereas last year it was 16,551 04

This is attributable to the fact that in 1910 2,002 auxiliaries observed this special season of prayer, whereas in 1911 only 1,231 did, making a shortage of 771 auxiliaries and \$5,559.49. The collection was taken for the Brevard Institute in order to erect the new building which is absolutely necessary for the life of this institution—\$10,991.55 is not sufficient. Will those auxiliaries and individuals who failed us at this season advise what to do to meet the demands on the one hand and the deficit on the other?

LOCAL WORK.

The local charity work has lost none of its attraction for Home Mission Department members. The figures show: Visits to sick and strangers, 408,039; cottage prayer meetings, 7,961; garments in good order distributed, 137,148; expended for local charity, \$281,745.39.

This local work, while meeting the needs of the poor of the community, does not mean home mission work in its largest sense. Local charity is simply relieving the wants which are brought about by con-

ditions which Home Missions seek to change. In other words, the one is a temporary relief, the other constructive building, which must make a large part of these local demands unnecessary.

The Social Service studies, now an active part of this department, are leading our women into larger conceptions of obligation to our neighbor by intelligent knowledge of conditions gained through directed investigations and earnest effort to remove the cause of poverty, sin, and suffering. It is a logical outgrowth of local charity, which the Church has ever carried as a part of Christian obligation. There has been a most hearty response to the studies issued by the Council's Fourth Vice President through this local Home Mission committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN.

There has been gratifying growth in young people's organizations and membership as well as collections. There has been much to contend with in getting this part of our work systematized and properly organized. The collections of \$1,628.55 did not half meet the special given the young people to work for, but there is now such perfected organization that another year will prove them equal to their task.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

The notable decrease in junior members would be distressing were it not for the fact that the inflated reports last year gave to us a much larger membership than were really active. Last year 20,858 juniors made a *per capita* gift of one and a half cents a month; this year we are reporting 5,629 less juniors, with a contribution of \$2,315.10, averaging fifteen cents per member for a year of ten months. The juniors failed to measure to the special collection desired at their hands. We based the assessment at an average of fifty cents per member.

Did we hope too largely from our children, or was there lack of earnest, concerted action? We would never make money-giving alone the test of one's consecration, but we do know that an intelligent leadership quickens the enthusiasm of children until they find joy in the service of giving.

BABY DIVISION.

Here too a shortage is reported. Only 4,109 names were enrolled this year, 1,854 less than in 1910. The collections too have dropped to \$1,701.05, a shortage of \$1,100 over last year. There is serious thought in this report for our First Vice Presidents. Some, however, have measured well. The greatest increase in the Baby Division is found again this year in the Tennessee Conference. Tennessee leads with 616 names actually enrolled and a corresponding collection showing that they are *bona fide* enrollments.

PARSONAGES.

Notwithstanding the fact that the General Conference has passed this department of work over to the Board of Church Extension, and the Board of Church Extension assesses the Church \$25,000 annually for parsonage work, our Conference Societies continue to make contributions to parsonages. The new law requires that every Conference Board of Church Extension shall give one-fifth of its collection to parsonages, and the General Board is prepared to do the same.

Our record in 1911 was: Parsonages helped, 64; amount, \$8,600. Because of unmet local conditions, there are yet a number of unpaid grants. The actual cash paid from the Conference Half of Dues to the parsonage work this year is \$10,456.42.

SUPPLIES.

The work of this department covers only ten months, cutting off two months in which the largest part of this work is done.

The record shows:

Boxes sent to preachers	192
Boxes sent to missions	179
Boxes sent to parsonages	357
Boxes sent to miscellaneous	68
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Total	796
Valued at	\$27,246 58

SCHOOLS.

We maintain twelve schools, employing 88 teachers and reaching 1,876 students. The total cost for maintenance in 1911 was \$42,411.99. This total, however, represents tuition and individual gifts to institutions, as well as the value of goods given in lieu of tuition. The actual cost to the Home Mission collections was \$36,635.86, which averaged \$19.50 per student.

The statistics furnished by these schools are:

Mountain:	Teachers.	Students.
Sue Bennett	15	422
Brevard	12	156
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	27	578
Florida Coast:		
Ruth Hargrove, Key West	18	617
Wolff Mission, Tampa	5	228
Tampa	4	102
West Tampa Night School, Tampa	22
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	27	969

Industrial:

Vashti, Thomasville, Ga.....	7	109
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	5	115
Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.....	10	66
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	22	290

Pacific:

Primary Japanese, Alameda, Cal.....	2	...
Kindergarten, Alameda, Cal.....	2	49
Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2	...
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	6	49

The progress of these institutions is found under the headings: Foreign Work, Mill Work, Girls, Negroes.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

London, Ky.

Sue Bennett School, last year, enjoyed the largest usefulness in its history. Four hundred and twenty-two students, who paid \$6,351 for fees, were entered on our books, and it was a year of much material improvement. For the first time in its history, the main building has been uniformly heated by the introduction of steam. The fourth floor of the new dormitory, which was erected last year, has been finished; the campus piped for water, while sanitary plumbing was put into the Boys' Dormitory and the Principal's home. The General Treasury paid \$7,366.95 on these improvements, and we still owe \$1,339. The buildings and campus carry a comfort which has never been known to this institution before. We are greatly grieved that the collection for the Lucinda B. Helm Hall, which was set for December 23, 1911, did not so materially augment the sum held for that purpose as to enable us to put up the building which is absolutely necessary. We have no chapel or room on that campus which can seat the whole student body. Ten of our graduates are preparing themselves for larger usefulness by attending the State University. More than a hundred students were converted during the year.

Brevard, N. C.

Brevard Institute has had as much growth as was possible with our limited accommodations. The new purchases made during the past years have increased the campus to fifteen acres. There is a large demand for agricultural instruction; and when we have the new chapel and class room building, it will give space for the accommodation of more students, which will enable us to meet this demand at Brevard.

During the year the campus was enlarged by the purchase of a lot and cottage, which completes our access to the main road. We were

not through rejoicing over the purchase of this property, however, before the misfortune of fire demolished one of our smaller cottages. Insurance will enable us to replace this, so that there is no material loss.

WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS AND IMMIGRANTS.

Pacific Coast.

Work was begun on this coast in 1896 by Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McKnight for the Woman's Home Mission Society by the establishment of night schools for Chinese and Japanese in several cities of California. The work is now diversified and centered at four points under the enthusiastic leadership of Rev. and Mrs. William Acton. These are:

I. ALAMEDA, CAL.—MARY HELM HALL.

- Activities: (a) Japanese Church, with regular Japanese pastor;
 (b) Coöperative Home for Japanese men;
 (c) Japanese Women's Bible Class; friendly visiting;
 (d) Kindergarten; Primary School; Night School.

Four American missionaries and eight Japanese Christian teachers and interpreters conduct this work, at a cost of \$1,724 to the Council. The Japanese themselves add \$137.85 toward the support of the kindergarten and primary schools. Eighty-six Japanese children attend the Sabbath school, and yet only four come from Christian homes. Thirty women attend the weekly Bible class, and during 1911 seven persons were received into the Church, three of whom were members of the Woman's Bible Class. In October, Bishop Waterhouse dedicated the new building which has been erected since the last session of the Council. The cost of this building, which accommodates chapel and schoolrooms, is \$2,800, making the total value of the Mary Helm Hall property \$11,300.

II. OAKLAND, CAL.

- Activities: (a) Coöperative Home for Japanese Men;
 (b) Japanese Church Services;
 (c) Japanese Sabbath School.

Six of our men in the Coöperative Home are working their way through the University of California and Leland Stanford, while another is preparing at Oakland High School. The sixteen Japanese children in our Sabbath school come from non-Christian homes. A kindergarten in Oakland would mean large things for these non-religious people. I say nonreligious people because of 56,760 Japanese in California only 4,663 are now Buddhists, while 2,514 have accepted the Christian religion. What are the other 49,583? Since they have thrown over their ancestral religions, is it not a challenge to the Christians of America to lead their little children into the truth? They are here, and we have their making in our hands.

III. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

- Activities: (a) Korean Church with regular Korean pastor;
(b) Coöperative Home for Koreans;
(c) Korean *Evangel*;
(d) Evangelistic Work.

The small number of Koreans in this country are scattered in the farming lands of the West. Two-thirds of these are Christians. The Coöperative Home makes a helpful settlement influence when they come and go through San Francisco. To meet the religious needs of those scattered throughout the country, the Korean *Evangel* is issued each month. It has a circulation of 1,200, and finds its way to Korea, Hawaii, Mexico, and Russia. The cost of the *Evangel* is \$700 to the Church per annum. By the purchase of a set of Korean characters or type, thus saving the necessity of renting each month from the Korean Association, the price can be reduced. During the year two of our Korean Christians have been licensed to exhort, and the Korean Epworth League has sent them out to visit and hold evangelistic services in the northern portion of the State. The total cost of the Korean work last year was \$2,110.

IV. LOS ANGELES, CAL.—HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME AND HOSPITAL.

- Activities: (a) Hospital;
(b) Friendly Visiting for the Church;
(c) Industrial Clubs.

While the Toberman Hospital does not minister especially to foreign-born people, it is located in so cosmopolitan a city that it cared for fifteen different nationalities among its varied patients. The Woman's Missionary Council puts \$1,080 annually into this work. The City Mission Board of Los Angeles adds a monthly contribution to its support. The Hospital Department, with ten beds, three of which were set apart for the "Lord's Poor" through the generosity of Major Toberman, has been self-sustaining.

The two deaconesses who reside in the Home assist the pastors of the Churches on given days by friendly visiting. The club features of work at the church nearest the Home are conducted by the Head Resident deaconess. This property is owned by the women of the Church and is valued at \$12,000.

Florida Coast.

The coming of thousands of Cubans to Florida during the Spanish-Cuban war created the demand for educational work and Christian service. This resulted in the establishment of two Cuban schools in 1892 at Tampa, Fla. These enterprises quickened others, and our work on the Florida coast is found at:

I. YBOR CITY, TAMPA, FLA.—WOLFF MISSION.

- Activities: (a) Graded Day School for Cubans, 197 enrolled;
 (b) Night School for Cubans, 12 enrolled;
 (c) Music Classes for Cuban Girls, 19 enrolled;
 (d) Graded Sewing Classes;
 (e) Domestic Science Classes;
 (f) Friendly Visiting;
 (g) The Usual Church Activities—i. e., Sabbath School, Epworth League, Missionary Societies.

The year 1911 was one of character-strengthening and enlargement of circles of service. There are five teachers, and 228 pupils have been enrolled. The value of the property, which greatly needs remodeling and refurnishing, is \$6,700.

II. TAMPA, FLA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

- Activities: (a) Cuban Primary School, 102 enrolled;
 (b) Kindergarten, 45 enrolled;
 (c) Night School for Cubans, 22 enrolled;
 (d) Club for Girls;
 (e) Friendly Visiting;
 (f) Church Activities—i. e., Cuban Church Services, Sabbath School and Leagues, Missionary Societies.

The establishment of the Wesley House, near our former primary school, with Mrs. W. F. Alexander as Head Resident, assisted by the deaconess, Miss Sadie Royalty, and the kindergartner, Miss Dorton, has greatly revived our Cuban work in West Tampa. Miss Royalty's friendly visiting and success in learning the Spanish language has enabled her to inject higher standards into the homes of our people. Miss Emelina Valdes continues in charge of the primary school. The school building and lot is worth \$1,300 and must have paint and repairs at once. The cost of maintaining this work in West Tampa this year has been \$1,378. A portion of this was furnished by the Baby Division, while the Florida Conference Society contributed \$400 to the support of the kindergarten.

III. KEY WEST, FLA.—RUTH HARGROVE INSTITUTE.

- Activities: (a) Graded School, four departments, 617 enrolled;
 (b) Cuban Day School;
 (c) Mothers' Club.

In 1900 the Woman's Home Mission Society opened a day school for Cubans, directed by two American teachers at Key West. Bishop Candler's episcopal appointment that year carried him to Cuba, and *en route* he visited this beautiful little island. He saw our little school and also the great opportunity offered for a school of high character, not only for the Cubans but for our own native Key West-

ers. With almost prophetic vision he urged a change of methods and enlargement of work at the succeeding annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. The present magnificent plant, valued at \$60,000, and the school body of 500 are the result of the "enlarged plan." Last year eighteen teachers were employed, and, notwithstanding the increased schoolroom capacity through the new Bruce Hall, there is absolutely not seating capacity for another child below the sixth grade. An additional building for 200 more students is needed at once. The Music and Business Departments have added much to the popularity of the school. The campus has been enlarged this year by the purchase of three lots adjacent to our property. The cost of maintenance was \$5,949.97, while the cost of new lots and furnishings of the new buildings has been \$9,900.80. At the opposite extremity from Ruth Hargrove Institute a sub-school has been opened where we hope to reach the Cuban children who are unable to attend the large school. It is located in a distinctive Cuban community.

GULF COAST.

This is a joint work, financed and managed equally by the men and women of the Church, since it was inaugurated in 1907. The centers of operation are:

I. GALVESTON, TEX.

Activities: (a) Immigrant Home, 2,838 immigrants were cared for in 1911;

(b) Sailors' Rest, where 9,610 sailors found rest and recreation this year.

Almost half of the immigrants who landed at the port came to our Home. Two-thirds of these were women and children from ten different European countries. The government is building comfortable quarters now for the care of these strangers, so a recast of the work at the Galveston port may become necessary within the coming year.

Two missionaries, an interpreter, and domestic helpers have constituted the workers at Galveston. The cost of carrying this Immigrant Home and Sailors' Rest to the Church was \$5,352. These strangers, immigrants, and sailors have cost the Church an average of 55 cents *per capita* this year.

II. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Activities: (a) Great Central Work at First Church;

(b) St. Mark's Hall, with twenty odd features of social and religious work;

(c) Second Church, with the usual ministry;

(d) Mary Werlein Mission, center of evangelistic and social service.

Dr. J. W. Moore was made General Superintendent of these activities

in October, and by the correlation of work the pastor of Second Church has charge of the men's work at St. Mark's Hall. Miss Ragland continues as Head Resident of St. Mark's Hall, where activities are unchanged. The ministry of Miss Baker extends to First Church and Mary Werlein Mission in domestic science classes. Mrs. Meekin continues in charge of Mary Werlein Mission. Ten thousand dollars is now the missionary appropriation for New Orleans.

III. GULFPORT, MISS.

- Activities: (a) Seaman's Rest, with Reading Room, 10,800 visits from sailors;
 (b) Gospel Services, 2,025 attending;
 (c) Concerts and Diversions, 240 attending;
 (d) Friendly Visiting, 617 to vessels.

It is difficult to conserve fruits of such missions, but the year has brought joy to the Superintendent's heart through letters containing assurances, often from a far, far port, that the memory of some word or ministry at Gulfport had brought forth a new life.

IV. BILOXI, MISS.—WESLEY HOUSE (located near the oyster shuckers).

- Activities: (a) Kindergarten, 36 enrolled;
 (b) Night School, 75 enrolled;
 (c) Sewing School, 60 enrolled;
 (d) Sabbath School, 125 enrolled.

The work here touches five nationalities, in camps located about the oyster canneries. The Mississippi Conference Society make the kindergarten possible by an appropriation from its Conference half of dues.

Much work among foreign-born people is rendered through the Wesley Houses, and larger plants enterprised by various City Boards.

Houston, Tex.

WESLEY HOUSE.

I. Germans, Armenians, Syrians, Mexicans, Italians.

- Activities: (a) Coöperative Home;
 (b) District Nursing;
 (c) Day Nursery;
 (d) Kindergarten;
 (e) Night School;
 (f) Clubs.

Kansas City, Mo.

INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

II. Italians, Jews.

- Activities: (a) Day Nursery, pure-milk station;
 (b) Juvenile Court work;
 (c) Night School, Cooking Schools, Music School;

- (d) Gymnasium, shower baths, playgrounds;
- (e) Classes in carpentry, sewing, dressmaking;
- (f) Clubs for women, young people, children;
- (g) Religious services.

St. Joseph, Mo.

WESLEY HOUSE.

III. Slavs and natives.

- Activities: (a) Day Nursery;
- (b) Kindergarten;
 - (c) Clubs for girls, boys;
 - (d) Playgrounds.

St. Louis, Mo.

KINGDOM HOUSE.

IV. Germans predominate.

- Activities: (a) Playgrounds, community parlor, and reading room;
- (b) Bath, clinic, pure-milk station, day nursery;
 - (c) Lunch clubs, classes in cooking, sewing, millinery, carpentry;
 - (d) Clubs for men, women, young people, etc.;
 - (e) Religious meetings.

Thurber, Tex.

MARSHALL HALL.

V. Italians and Mexicans.

- Activities: (a) Night school, kindergarten, classes in housekeeping and cooking;
- (b) Clubs for young men, young women, and children;
 - (c) Religious meetings and temperance societies.

Fort Worth, Tex.

VI. Mixed Europeans. Parish visiting.

San Antonio, Tex.

VII. Mexicans. Parish visiting.

Employed in this foreign work maintained by city and district boards are: Deaconesses, 18; missionaries, 9; nurses, 4; kindergartners, 5. Total number of workers among foreigners, 91; total cost of work (not including city missions), \$35,929.

MILL WORK.

The growing industrial problems in the South have acted as a challenge to the Home Mission Society to active service in mill centers, particularly in textile mills.

Through the City Mission Boards nine Wesley Houses are maintained in cotton mill districts, carrying on the following work:

Atlanta, Ga.

WESLEY HOUSE (Elsas Cotton Mills.)

(a) Resident workers, 4; volunteer, 22.

(b) Maintains day nursery; kindergarten; clinic; district nursing service; penny provident bank; library and reading room; shower baths; night school; rummage sale; rooms for community organizations; gymnastic work for boys and girls; domestic science classes; sewing school; religious services and Sunday school.

Summer Work.—Gardens.

Augusta, Ga.

WESLEY HOUSE (King's Cotton Mill).

(a) Resident workers, 3.

(b) Maintains clinics; day nursery; visiting nursing service; kindergarten; gymnasium; clubs for women and for young men; classes in sewing, housekeeping, domestic science, millinery; night school; children's hour; prayer service; Sunday school; Bible classes.

Birmingham, Ala.

WESLEY HOUSE (Avondale Mills).

(a) Resident workers, 4.

(b) Maintains day nursery; kindergarten; clubs; classes in sewing; domestic science.

Danville, Va.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 2.

(b) Maintains kindergarten; clubs; classes for sewing; free baths.

Knoxville, Tenn.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident worker, 1.

(b) Maintains night school; boys' clubs; sewing school; mothers' clubs.

Macon, Ga.

WESLEY HOUSE IN COURSE OF ESTABLISHMENT (Bibb Cotton Mills).

(a) Resident worker, 1.

(b) Maintains night school; domestic science class; clubs; free clinic.

Meridian, Miss.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 2.

(b) Maintains night school; sewing class; clubs.

Mobile, Ala.

DUMAS INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH (Crichton).

- (a) Resident worker, 1.
- (b) Maintains night schools; sewing classes; mothers' meetings; library; religious services.

Spartanburg, S. C.

WESLEY HOUSE.

- (a) Resident workers, 2.
- (b) Maintains night school; day nursery; domestic science classes; clubs.

Friendly visiting and neighborhood work have been opened this year at Darlington and Greenwood, S. C.

The work undertaken in cotton mills by the Home Mission Society is directed by ten deaconesses and nine trained workers. The far-reaching influence of these Wesley House movements is found in the fact that at some of the older institutions graduates from the departments of sewing, physical culture, etc., are now numbered with the volunteer workers, who come from the Church to help in this work. In other words, we have enabled the people we have served to help themselves, and their brothers, by the training which has been placed in their hands for the last seven or eight years. The expulsive power of a new love and ambition is helping to make over these people who fill so necessary a part in the world's work.

NEGRO WORK.

Augusta, Ga.

Extension Work.—The work for the betterment of negro women and girls has been greatly enlarged this year by the going of Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Extension Secretary of Negro Work, to Augusta, Ga. In her contact with Bible study classes she has been enabled to organize teacher-training classes not only in connection with Paine College, where naturally she is located as headquarters, but she has succeeded in organizing a Civic League among the colored people themselves, which looks to cleaning up their cabin homes, and the employment of a trained nurse to visit among their own sick. The officials of the city of Augusta have rallied to this Civic Improvement League, and by making Miss De Bardeleben herself a legal inspector have given her authority to order material improvement of rented property and the cleaning of such homes as are bound to be sources of infection and demoralization. There must be regular headquarters for this extension negro work.

Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

Paine College has suffered materially in the going of Dr. George Williams Walker to the glorious reward which awaited his service for the

colored people of the South. Twenty-five years of gracious, self-denying service, an absolute abandon of self to this work, have made Paine College possible. The Church was fortunate to be able to secure as his successor Dr. John D. Hammond, for so many years Educational Secretary of the Church. Dr. Hammond gives to this work culture, gentle birth, and education. He gives love born of a conviction that these people, providentially in our midst, must be bettered or the whole South will suffer. He is ably abetted in all of the forward movements that he may inaugurate by the warm sympathy and companionship of Mrs. Hammond.

The activities of Paine Annex are still in the small cottages, because we have not been enabled to perfect plans which came within the \$25,000 which has already been secured for the building of the new dormitory. The General Board of Education of New York paid to the Woman's Home Mission Society \$5,000 in July, when it was known that the full \$20,000 which we were to raise had been realized.

To Professor Gilbert's energy the raising of this money has been due. One hundred and fifteen students were given personal instruction last year in plain sewing, 67 in dressmaking, 67 in cooking. The Department of Agriculture has been added, so that our girls will come out trained gardeners.

THE DEPENDENT AND UNFORTUNATE GIRLS.

The dependent girl and the delinquent girl offer to society and the Church a challenge for large supervision. The friendless girl who has no natural parent, or whose parent is so delinquent or, because of broken family, unable to guide her life at the most impressionable age, demands the truest and best from the Church.

Through our city mission work, nearly a thousand girls have had protective inspirational influence brought into their lives through the club features which have been added to suit the various type of young women in the communities in which the Wesley House is located.

The institution which is prepared to meet some small part of the demand for the care of the friendless girl is:

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.

- Activities: (a) Academic School;
(b) Industrial Training;
(c) Social Instruction;
(d) Religious Teaching.

One hundred and six girls, gathered from all of the Southern States, are located at this school. The campus covers 65 acres, and two large three-story buildings and ten small cottages furnish the home. The value of this property is \$30,000. The cost to the Council for its maintenance is \$8,400 per annum.

The unfortunate or delinquent girl from thirteen to twenty-one years of age finds a home and protection at

Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.

Activities: (a) Care for unfortunate girls under twenty-one years of age in the hour of extremity;

(b) Industrial Training;

(c) Grammar School Opportunities;

(d) Religious and Moral Training.

The past year has perhaps been the most important in the history of this institution, owing to the fact that the new building for which Mrs. W. H. Johnson has been pleading for the last decade, and the Council most earnestly working, has at last been erected. The cornerstone was laid in July, at which time the members of the local committee, who have given such devoted assistance in its building, craved the privilege of changing the name and making the institution a memorial to her whose love and persistence made it possible. The total cost of this property has been \$80,000. The funds for it have been raised through large individual gifts made to Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Week of Prayer collections in 1907, and sale of old property. The building offers individual rooms for 75 girls, recreation and social halls as well as good schoolroom facilities. Through the local committee, the furnishings, which amounted to nearly \$6,000, have been largely raised. The only debts on the institution are \$1,920.15 for the furniture and a loan of \$30,000 secured from the Fourth National Bank, at Nashville, Tenn., contingent upon the sale of the old property on Carroll Street.

This new property is one that we may feel gratified to own, and we believe it makes possible the development of our girls, in a way we have not been able to do in the past.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cason and the rest of the Building Committee, the Home Department is greatly indebted. They have superintended every part of work from the breaking of the ground to the furnishing of every room.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

Through the work done by Miss Mabel Howell, our representative at Scarritt, and Miss Estelle Haskin, at the Methodist Training School, our work in religious and social betterment has been made efficient. Many students who have entered these training schools have gotten inspiration from these leaders, and they have gone out to do efficient service. This year they bring to us ten deaconesses and seven missionaries, workers who promise to be of such type as St. Paul declares "needeth not to be ashamed."

DEACONESS WORK.

The Workers' Conference of Deaconesses and Missionaries, held in connection with the Missionary Secretarial Conference, December 28,

1911, in Nashville, Tenn., marks a page in the history of deaconess work which holds peculiar interest. There were thirty deaconesses and five missionaries present, when a study of every phase of work for religious and social development which falls to deaconess work was discussed. Hours of conference and communion resulted in the formation of a Deaconess Association, which will meet triennially. Officers were elected and a *Workers' Quarterly* will be issued. Membership in the Association is placed at a small annual fee, which will bear the cost of meetings and publications.

Twenty-two women have been preparing for the work and office of deaconess or missionary on scholarships provided by the Home Mission Societies this fiscal year. These scholarships have cost \$3,160.

There has been less correspondence this year with young women concerning the need of deaconesses in the Church than at any period since the Church created the office. A baker's dozen covers the number in our letter file, whereas a year ago nearly a hundred names were listed. The divided responsibility at this point between the offices of Educational Secretaries and the Home Department perhaps furnishes explanation. We cannot maintain a work, however, when cut off from the base of supply, and readjustment here is necessary to the life of the deaconess work.

There have been 69 deaconesses at work this year. Six of the 74 who were recertificated at the Council meeting last year have retired for personal, physical, or family reasons. The deaconesses have served as follows: In city mission slums, 25; in mills, 10; in rescue homes and schools, 2; among foreigners, 18; as Church deaconesses, 14.

The Church deaconesses report 12,041 visits made, 1,958 received, 611 meetings addressed, and many induced to attend church. Work in every line of human betterment has fallen into the hands of these young women.

CITY MISSIONS.

There are at present thirty-one City Mission Boards and three District Mission Boards. These District Mission Boards employ workers for mills or mines in those sections where the Church is not strong enough to provide workers. The work has been carried on this year by 77 trained workers, 107 salaried workers, and 394 volunteers.

The institutional work, which more nearly reaches the ordinary city slum, groups itself as follows:

Bristol, Tenn.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident worker, 1; volunteers, 11.

(b) Maintains morning primary class; sewing school; night school; Sunday school; home-makers' club; boys' club; kitchen garden.

Dallas, Tex.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 3; volunteers, 12.

(b) Maintains clinic; nursing service; library; rummage sales; sewing school; cooking school; kitchen garden; boys' clubs; girls' clubs; mothers' club.

WESLEY CHAPEL.

(a) The head of this work boards at the Wesley House.

(b) Maintains day nursery; kindergarten; clinic; district nursing service; tub and shower baths; library and reading room; rummage sale; gymnastic work for boys and girls; rooms for community organizations; sewing school; domestic science classes; religious services and Sunday school; three boys' clubs; two girls' clubs; young ladies' club; mothers' club.

Louisville, Ky.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 4; volunteers, 20.

(b) Maintains clinic; district nurse; pure-milk station; legal aid; branch of the public library; rummage sale; story hour; classes in sewing, embroidery, and cooking; boys', young women's, and mothers' clubs; gospel services; cottage prayer meetings; mission study class and Sunday school; Epworth League.

Summer Work.—Picnics and excursions; pure-milk station; vacations in coöperation with fresh-air agencies.

Memphis, Tenn.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 2; volunteers, 13.

(b) Maintains kindergarten; sewing school; clubs for boys and girls; cottage prayer meetings; Sunday school and friendly visiting.

Mobile, Ala.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 3; volunteers, 9.

(b) Maintains kindergarten; reading room; night school; clinics; employment work; juvenile detention work; classes in sewing; clubs for women, girls, and children. There are occasional entertainments and socials. Religious work consists of Sunday school, devotional half hour in the mothers' club, Bible lesson in the sewing school, and a mid-week song and prayer service.

Summer Work.—Reading room, outings, and entertainments.

Nashville, Tenn.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 2; volunteers, 30.

(b) Maintains kindergarten; domestic science classes; reading room; clubs for boys, girls, and women; kitchen garden.

Portsmouth, Va.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident workers, 2; volunteers, 11.

(b) Maintains sewing school; night school; boys' club; Junior League; small library; lunch room for girls of near-by mill.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

WESLEY HOUSE.

(a) Resident worker, 1; volunteers, 20.

(b) Maintains coöperation with Associated Charities in tuberculosis campaign and with Juvenile Protective Association; day nursery; sewing school; boys' clubs; shower baths; visiting in homes; assisting needy; religious services.

The workers group themselves in all of the city work as follows: Deaconesses, 56; trained missionaries, 15; trained missionary kindergartners, 9; district nurses, 8; house mothers, 6; day nursery superintendents, 8.

The forms of work group themselves in: Wesley Houses, 22; larger institutions, 3; missions, 3; Door of Hope, 1; hospital, 1; coöperative homes, 3.

For details of these institutions see the reports grouped under "Foreign Work" and "Cotton Mills."

The growth of this work is shown in the following table:

	1911.	Increase.
City Boards	31	1
District Boards	3	....
Institutions	33	1
Trained workers	77	5
Salaried workers	107	11
Volunteer workers	394	....
Day nurseries	8	1
Children in nurseries	404	....
Kindergartens	14	2
Kindergarten children	649	67
Industrial schools	48	3
Night schools	14	1
Students	821	108
Boys' clubs	51	6

	1911.	Increase.
Boys enrolled	850	130
Free reading rooms	18	3
Girls' clubs	37	19
Girls enrolled	519	223
Young women's clubs	12	....
Members	407	....
Mothers' clubs	19	1
Women enrolled	670	47
Dispensaries	13	1
Patients	5,280	....
Visits made	48,746	5,075
Visits received	30,979	....
Cost of maintenance, \$46,851.33.		

LITERATURE.

A report of the character and quantity of leaflets issued for auxiliary inspiration and instruction appears in the record of the Editorial Secretary. The cost of printed matter used by the Home Department last year, including 8,000 Annual Reports, was \$4,278.81. Through sales of the same \$2,100.33 has been made, which reduces the actual expense to the treasury to \$2,178.48.

Eight thousand monthly *Bulletins* for the Home Department are issued from the office of the Home Department Secretary each month to the auxiliaries through the Press Superintendents. If increased demands or orders indicate service, we must believe that the *Bulletin* has a vital mission for the Church. The size has been increased during the year, so that it carries very nearly twice the matter that it did a year ago. The cost of issuing this *Bulletin*, which is not included in the above figures, has been:

Printing	\$198
Mailing	75
Total	\$273

The *esprit de corps* shown by thirty-nine Conference Press Superintendents in pushing their work is a beautiful testimony to the training and inspiration given by the Council Press Superintendent, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson. Because of her protracted illness, they have worked without leadership except for the limited help we have furnished from the office. They have distributed 75,000 monthly *Bulletins* to 3,452 auxiliaries, Conference officers, and preachers. They have used the *Bulletin* in Church and secular papers. A number of Conference Press Superintendents issue Conference *Bulletins*.

The Conference Secretaries report 27,460 copies of the *Missionary Voice* on their subscription lists. In November Mrs. J. D. Hammond severed her connection with the paper, though her work ran through the

January issue. The Home Department was most fortunate in securing her valuable services during the period of readjustment. Mrs. A. L. Marshall now assumes entire charge of the woman's work on the paper. We have not yet been able to make it self-sustaining, and it cannot become so at the present price. Last year, apart from salaries paid the editors, we were assessed \$1,107.90 for the current expense of the paper. The total cost to our Home Department treasury for getting out both periodicals, the *Missionary Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*, in 1911 was \$3,342.90.

There are 5,788 taking the Home Mission Reading Course this year. A report of those taking the Interdenominational Study Course appears in the records of the Educational Secretary. "Mormonism, the Islam of America," is the book which will be the Interdenominational Home Mission textbook for the year 1912-13. It was written by Rev. Bruce Kinney, for many years a missionary among the Mormons. The usual textbook leaflets will be furnished by the Interdenominational Committee.

HOME MISSION CAMPAIGN.

In September it was my privilege to attend for the first time a called meeting of the Secretaries of the Council of Women for Home Missions. The purpose of this visit was to confer concerning a campaign which would educate and stimulate the Church people to larger giving and more intelligent service in the homeland. This campaign is planned not only by the nine woman's home missionary organizations which constitute the Council of Women for Home Missions, but also by the eighteen men's organizations which constitute the Home Missions Council. This campaign will be jointly enterprised by both of these Councils. A week in November will be selected, when every Protestant Church in the land will be invited to study the problems that confront us as a nation. Printed matter will be forwarded to every Church or community which gives expert information on every field. Dr. Charles Stelzle has been selected as General Secretary to inaugurate this movement, and under his direction the material is now being prepared. On every day of the week there will be denominational meetings for study and prayer. Leaflets, booklets, and syllabi will be placed in every pastor's hands. At the end of the week there will be held in each community a grand mass meeting, when the result of the study of this material will be compiled and freewill offerings will be solicited. Each Board represented will bear its *pro rata* of expense for publishing this material.

GIFTS.

The past year has been noticeable because of the lack of large individual gifts. Outside of the \$5,000 given by the General Board of Education and \$925 collected by Professor Gilbert for Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., sums not exceeding \$50 and \$100 have been the largest do-

nations received. We attribute it to the fact that so much time has been given to discussion of methods of work that inspirational and quickening deliverances have not gone from those who have presented the work in public or in written word. We trust that the general development of the Church through the Forward Movement, which was launched after these reports had been gathered, may quicken the Church so that our membership will be doubled, our collections trebled, and the Spirit of the Lord have free access to the hearts of those who call themselves by his name.

Our greatest need is for the gift of the quickening power of the Spirit, which is able to do all things.

"Definite aims, dependence upon God, determination to go forward" is our slogan for 1912.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 15, 1912.

I have examined the office expense account of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Secretary, and find the same correct as per statement set out in her book of expense.

J. D. HAMILTON.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHOD-
IST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WOMAN'S
HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT, PARSONAGE WORK, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 31, 1912.

Alabama Conference:	
Dothan, Ala.....	\$ 250 00
Brewersville, Ala.....	100 00
Coffee Springs, Ala.....	100 00
Eufaula District	100 00
Arkansas Conference:	
Bigelow, Ark.....	200 00
Damascus, Bee Branch	50 00
Hartford, Ark.....	75 00
Baltimore Conference:	
St. Paul, Washington	250 00
East Oklahoma Conference:	
Grove, Okla.....	75 00
Hulbert, Okla.....	125 00
Mill Creek, Okla.....	100 00
Fairland, Okla.....	50 00
Garvin, Okla.....	75 00
Florida Conference:	
Hastings Circuit, Bunnell	250 00
Inverness	150 00
Jacksonville, St. Matthew's	100 00
Holston Conference:	
Galax, Va.....	150 00
Harriman District	300 00
Kentucky Conference:	
Jackson, Ky.....	200 00
Little Rock Conference:	
Thornton, Ark.....	100 00
Los Angeles Conference:	
Norwalk, Cal.....	100 00
Louisiana Conference:	
Slidell, La.....	250 00
Haughton, La.....	100 00
Jena, La.....	100 00
Louisville Conference:	
Woodlawn, Owensboro	100 00
Memphis Conference:	
Decaturville, Tenn.....	100 00
Henderson, Tenn.....	100 00
Hollow Rock, Tenn.....	50 00
Hornbeak, Tenn.....	25 00
Huntingdon, Tenn.....	50 00
Washington Heights, Memphis	75 00
Sardis, Tenn.....	50 00
Mississippi Conference:	
Twenty-Ninth Street, Gulfport	200 00
Carthage, Miss.....	100 00
Monticello, Miss.....	100 00
Pearl Street, Natchez	100 00
Missouri Conference:	
Bogard, Mo.....	100 00
Memphis, Mo.....	200 00
New Mexico Conference:	
Knowles, N. Mex.....	75 00
La Mesa	100 00
North Georgia Conference:	
Blue Ridge, Ga.....	200 00
Emerson, Ga.....	150 00
North Mississippi Conference:	
Jonestown, Miss.....	250 00
Inverness charge, Isola	200 00
Rienzi, Miss.....	100 00
Pacific Conference:	
Princeton, Cal.....	150 00
Los Banos, Cal.....	150 00
Southwest Missouri Conference:	
Walkers, Mo.....	250 00
Rich Hill, Mo.....	200 00
Tennessee Conference:	
Lincoln Mission	75 00

Summitville	\$ 200 00
Carthage	100 00
Texas Conference:	
Hemphill, Tex.	100 00
Jacksonville District	350 00
Mt. Enterprise	100 00
West Oklahoma Conference:	
Guymon Station, Okla.	150 00
Guymon District	200 00
Elmore, Okla.	100 00
Carter, Okla.	100 00
Texola, Okla.	150 00
West Texas Conference:	
Richland Springs, Tex.	200 00
Lohn, Tex.	100 00
Western Virginia Conference:	
Pikeville, Ky.	100 00
White River Conference:	
Helena District	50 00
Total (64)	<u>\$8,500 00</u>

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand April 1, 1911.....	\$ 2,923 58	
Receipts during year ending March 31, 1912.....	10,367 00	—\$13,290 58

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Donations to parsonages.....	\$ 8,600 00	
Returned to Mrs. F. H. E. Ross	50 00	
Balance on hand April 1, 1912.....	4,740 58	— 13,290 58

RECORD OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, 1886-1910.

YEAR.	Adult and Young People Members	Brigade Members.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Value of Supplies Sent Through Department.	Number School s Maintained.	Number City Boards.	Missionaries.	Deaconesses Consecrated.	Parsonages Helped.	Money Expended on Building Parsonages	Connctional Work.	Local Work.
1886-87..	1,595										\$ 261 55	
1887-88..	3,529								23	\$ 2,128 69	\$ 3,837 51	\$ 5,281 40
1888-89..	5,821								37	9,447 87	4,258 40	5,348 85
1889-90..	7,216								40	5,183 01	2,954 88	11,599 43
1890-91..	7,001								61	3,799 00	4,361 48	6,144 16
1891-92..	10,245								55	8,071 55	3,727 51	10,541 69
1892-93..	11,373		2,122						56	6,908 93	4,628 20	25,824 69
1893-94..	11,152		2,500		2	2			53	8,072 62	4,995 37	15,098 93
1894-95..	12,070				3	3			60	6,275 26	10,377 64	9,580 16
1895-96..	16,246		3,746	\$ 3,115 82	3	6			110	5,387 13	19,301 72	32,825 38
1896-97..	17,745		5,022	5,431 83	5	5			140	13,361 81	18,703 68	43,210 49
1897-98..	19,518		4,558	4,197 90	6	5			161	13,920 02	20,971 19	48,828 88
1898-99..	21,170		5,275	4,581 16	7	8			192	13,638 04	31,566 82	34,180 55
'99-1900	23,351		5,919	5,781 83	10	8			55	8,493 10	39,314 96	56,441 55
1900-01..	24,712		5,521	9,289 57	8	12	14		102	11,432 46	54,486 93	55,874 64
1901-02..	29,034		6,587	8,136 54	11	12	16		138	15,274 00	50,383 33	97,129 75
1902-03..	31,414		8,188	14,309 11	11	12	10		112	11,103 17	56,754 93	32,163 11
1903-04..	37,089		9,267	19,339 18	12	17	13	4	150	13,122 96	70,525 21	122,164 32
1904-05..	40,358	2,942	10,016	22,333 66	13	24	22	4	162	14,679 49	94,159 95	160,115 56
1905-06..	43,908	3,610	11,964	24,213 04	15	23	14	8	152	16,002 99	101,563 31	190,245 72
1906-07..	50,381	3,452	13,303	25,849 23	15	18	19	10	182	18,255 27	123,281 92	205,287 03
1907-08..	61,035	11,302	15,889	24,518 37	14	24	17	10	171	19,932 22	147,909 62	270,433 60
1908-09..	69,029	17,319	19,823	35,025 74	13	24	23	15	197	25,807 78	167,818 50	283,428 44
1909-10..	76,464	15,998	23,175	39,112 08	12	28	21	12	197	24,225 00	182,569 87	325,726 93
1910-11..	80,805	20,858	23,176	39,172 06	11	30	20	20	180	24,447 00	206,512 45	389,376 71
Total.				\$284,407 12				89	2,786	\$298,969 37	\$1,425,226 09	\$2,434,951 97

VALUE OF PROPERTY.

Wolf Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 6,700 00
West Tampa, Fla.....	1,300 00
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.....	11,900 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	50,575 00
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.....	30,000 00
Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.....	80,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	7,000 00
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.....	12,000 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	75,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	16,000 00
Total.....	\$290,475 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE.	DUES.							PLEDGES.			MITE BOXES.		
	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Honorary Members.	Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Adult.	Baby.	Junior.
Alabama.....	\$ 1,438 91	\$ 36 75	\$ 8 19	\$ 12 96	\$ 1 25			465 02			\$ 2 62	\$ 22 20	\$ 32 00
Arkansas.....	927 16		20	11 00				400 18			2 36	4 17	15 47
Baltimore.....	1,039 55	29 33	15 93	24 52		\$ 50 00		253 65			15 86	42 89	43 50
Cent. Texas.....	3,304 31	25 70	6 10	32 45	2 00			1,617 08			5 52	25 19	44 52
Columbia.....	192 95		4 20	5 90				25 20				1 35	10 60
Denver.....	186 60			5 50							53		3 00
E. Columbia.....	136 19			50									
E. Oklahoma.....	1,972 46		2 95	13 25		50 00		195 92			10 39	13 54	13 18
Florida.....	2,058 27	14 05	18 20	25 65	2 50	25 00		304 45			8 79	46 14	105 22
Ger. Mission.....	30 70												
Holston.....	1,997 11	7 05		25 90				485 10				135 37	38 86
Kentucky.....	1,224 30	55 67	105 93	4 94				858 30	\$73 73	\$44 49		16	14 68
Little Rock.....	1,577 16	5 60	28 66	17 10		25 00		1,587 12			3 80	56 20	125 24
Los Angeles.....	528 80		60	3 75	5 00			117 75				7 42	8 43
Louisiana.....	1,299 84	20 85	12 05	13 39		35 00		362 73			6 55	6 92	80 27
Louisville.....	1,073 96	98 56	11 15	10 60		25 00	\$100 00	737 51				3 68	31 86
Memphis.....	1,771 32	101 87	6 05	31 36		25 00		82 40				50 66	27 34
Mississippi.....	1,815 18	4 40	26 77	23 25				453 08			5 03	22 50	39 82
Missouri.....	1,140 72	18 45	8 95	11 90	16 00			367 72			75	10 45	16 71
Montana.....	128 80											1 63	
New Mexico.....	509 30		6 00	8 08				79 00			5 00	9 66	26 43
N. Alabama.....	1,851 08	25 68	20 45	17 30	6 25			993 87			8 14	27 92	61 97
N. Carolina.....	1,744 11	82 95	14 03	19 59				560 64			1 73	64 80	152 67
N. Georgia.....	2,976 45	51 90	70 20	18 00				1,502 94			18 32	19 90	112 79
N. Mississippi.....	1,941 82		23 28	29 35		25 00		790 46			5 89	20 89	53 26
N. Texas.....	2,902 01	22 35	16 11	21 65	2 50			1,090 25			3 68	24 78	33 93
N. W. Texas.....	2,244 30	4 67	6 25	32 00	40	25 00		1,081 58			1 05	26 46	30 57
Pacific.....	901 85			4 50		5 00					1 44	7 35	4 32
S. Carolina.....	1,559 26	44 40	48 57	22 25		25 00		784 20				22 28	119 03
S. Georgia.....	2,965 71	20 56	27 80	35 32				2,016 98			25 21	55 42	96 53
Son. Illinois.....	8 80												
S. W. Missou.....	1,736 73	69 86	17 03	15 82		35 00		541 35			8 55	14 14	27 66
St. Louis.....	1,724 93	56 00	9 05	23 60	1 70	10 00		595 60			9 82	11 87	2 83
Tennessee.....	1,880 83	169 76	25 25	89 29				983 36			15 15	76 83	95 65
Texas.....	3,047 04	36 55	18 15	15 68		194 20		2,001 12			2 00	64 01	60 19
Virginia.....	1,357 72	231 11	24 04	12 75				395 94			9 60	32 05	71 85
W. Oklahom.....	996 41			1 25				275 65			3 00		19 06
West Texas.....	2,254 71	15 40	22 66	16 22		25 00		640 65			1 07	51 68	37 88
W. N. Caroli.....	1,206 61	31 98	12 80	7 25		5 00		771 87				48 78	8 71
W. Virginia.....	544 68	1 65	2 70	2 00				50 00				7 74	3 06
White River.....	818 44		3 00	6 50				219 95			5 50	7 62	13 33
Other Sources.....	3 40					26 00							2 77
Total.....	\$59,050 48	\$1,283 10	\$623 30	\$657 32	\$37 60	\$610 20	\$100 00	\$23,688 62	\$73 73	\$44 49	\$193 35	\$1,044 65	\$1,690 80

WEEK OF PRAYER.											
Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Deaconess Scholarship.	Scarritt Endowment.	Lucinda B. Helm Birthday.	Educational Endowment Fund.	City Mission Endowment Fund.	Relief Fund.	Specials.	Total.	City Mission Vouchers.
\$ 340 04	\$ 8 95	\$10 00	\$ 3 50	\$ 52 47	\$ 26 90	\$20 50	\$17 50	\$ 3 45	\$ 31 25	\$ 2,497 06	\$ 1,520 60
113 32			96 00	60 30	10 20			18 80	1 20	1,704 32	
306 34	7 59	1 50	128 60	59 82	27 31	7 00		5 24	26 00	2,084 03	
625 11		10 00	21 75	103 40	17 81	60	4 62	35 45	653 50	6,525 12	1,683 04
40 93				16 00	7 50				39 50	339 13	
42 08				19 65						257 36	
27 87				4 00	2 53				1 30	172 39	
213 38			5 00	22 00	26 50			25		2,543 82	
383 45	22 00		46 35	86 05	18 90			10 75	1 00	3,206 78	
				2 00						32 70	
238 60				81 10	1 80			24 85	2 00	3,085 74	983 42
361 24				35 95	96 52			17 77		2,903 68	
357 79				73 25	31 10			31 10	611 00	4,590 12	
129 96			22 00	41 95	2 70				10	865 46	870 80
206 72	3 00			46 70	7 95		3 20	4 46	502 00	2,611 63	705 00
141 66	4 45		49 50	49 65	35 00	4 00		21 90	2 00	2,400 51	1,726 28
206 91				69 15	18 35			2 45	21 50	2,414 36	2 918 39
292 52		2 07		89 15	4 90			12 80	60 40	2,851 87	817 71
134 09	1 32		11 65	15 72					4 70	1,759 13	1,613 68
23 80										154 23	
89 23		2 05		10 00					24 57	769 32	
246 93			5 60	64 25	23 10			4 25	8 35	3,365 14	1,068 18
682 27	39 75	15 50	82 85	94 40	54 80	1 25		12 71	1 80	3,625 85	
518 93	58 09	25 85		58 25	32 15	22 25		7 00	144 03	5,637 05	7,399 84
382 84			134 70	61 00	27 75	7 75		11 30	590 19	4,105 48	
223 91				74 86	40 70	10 00	1 50	5 00	829 65	5,312 88	3,969 71
380 43			103 21	14 10	23 25			43 55	649 39	4,666 21	
102 39			88 82	13 40	6 80			1 80		1,137 67	
161 61	2 10		180 00	64 35	20 58			35 00		3,088 63	1,192 54
578 69	5 06	1 35	64 60	55 05	41 85	3 25		15 10	46 10	6,054 58	1,150 98
		3 00								11 80	
299 19	31 40		33 00	84 15	30 49			21 80	262 50	3,228 67	5,658 63
270 76	39 50		256 50	51 50	5 55			19 81	29 35	3,118 37	5,956 22
198 22	5 53	2 00	150 23	72 50	38 01			23 51	104 00	3,930 12	1,211 73
781 05	16 75	5 04		87 10	222 57			86 00	260 95	6,888 40	2,227 42
247 34	20 48	2 00		51 90	6 11			3 65		2,466 54	3,094 71
174 32				6 00	14 70					1,490 39	
305 77		2 00	223 15	116 18	11 15	3 00		11 90	33 30	3,771 72	
434 60	5 75			58 75	61 58	2 00		1 35		2,637 03	1,076 85
137 04				28 00	10 45			19 22		806 54	
226 14				10 00	14 90			3 85		1,329 23	
					11 10				31,177 48	31,220 75	
\$10,637 47	\$271 72	\$82 36	\$1,707 01	\$2,004 05	\$1,033 56	\$58 10	\$50 32	\$526 07	\$36,119 11	\$41,587 41	\$46,851 33

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1911.....	\$13,210 40	
Less amount in Savings Department	120 20—	\$ 13,090 20
Transferred from Conference Half Dues		3,813 45
Transferred from Savings Department, account of Paine Annex....		1,022 30
Transferred from Savings Department, account of McEachern Fund		27 56
Transferred from Savings Department, account of Virginia K. Johnson Home		2,642 93
Relief fund turned over by Mrs. Steele.....		45 85
Received as per statement.....		141,587 41
Borrowed from Fourth National Bank.....		71,750 00
Amount received that had to be refunded.....		96 67
Total	\$234,076 37	
Less disbursements as per statement.....		220,900 23
Balance	\$ 13,176 14	

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 1 to December 31.

Annuity interest	\$ 245 00
City missions	4,984 00
Conference Half Dues (see list elsewhere).....	26,057 41
Deaconesses' travel and expense.....	1,591 00
Expense Workers' Conference	448 90
Expense Supply Department	225 00
Interest	2,950 66
Insurance	544 59
Nashville Training School, deaconess scholarships....	975 00
Notes	39,000 00
Refunds	96 67
Scarritt endowment	2,004 05
Scarritt endowed scholarship (North Mississippi Conference, Myra Smith)	500 00
Scarritt library	50 00
Scarritt scholarships (deaconess)	2,185 00
Scarritt specials	24 75
Sociology	1,249 95
Taxes	13 45

Schools and Homes:

Brevard Institute	\$ 4,545 08
Gulf Coast work	5,337 07
Pacific Coast work	5,285 66
Paine Annex	1,847 95
Ruth Hargrove Institute	5,949 97
Sue Bennett Memorial	10,314 20
Vashti Home	5,317 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home	5,585 00
West Tampa	1,375 00
Wolff Mission	1,779 96—
	47,336 89

Buildings:

Pacific	\$ 2,500 00
Paine (note)	2,000 00
Ruth Hargrove	9,900 80
Sue Bennett	7,366 95
Virginia K. Johnson.....	49,374 52—
	71,142 27

Specials:

Brevard Institute	\$ 139 00
Denton Dormitory	255 00
Extension Secretary of Negro Work.....	109 37
Forward Movement	320 00
Immigrant Home	103 95
Vashti Home	386 35
Virginia K. Johnson.....	2,079 39
Sundries	95 71—
	3,488 77

Cost of Administration:

Bond of Treasurer	\$ 25 00	
Bulletins	195 25	
Council meeting	1,355 00	
Board meeting	156 56	
Midyear meeting	112 80	
Literature (leaflets, etc.)	4,275 81	
Memorial and life certificates	127 50	
Mite boxes	193 78	
Office expense, including travel	2,979 81	
Salaries of officers	4,174 96	
Clerical help	1,007 50	
<i>Missionary Voice and Young Christian Worker</i>	1.182 90	\$ 15,786 87
Total		\$220,900 23

EXPLANATORY.

Less amount returned by Texas Conference, to be sent to parsonages	\$ 950 00
Also amount too much sent Dr. McMurry and returned.	50 00
Also amount refunded, account of Council meeting....	397 83

CONFERENCE HALF DUES.

1911. ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

May 16. Dr. McMurry, account of Greensboro.....	\$ 125 00	
Dothan District	250 00	
July 11. Dr. McMurry, account of Brewersville.....	100 00	
Coffee Springs	100 00	
Eufaula District	100 00	\$ 675 00

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

May 16. Dr. McMurry, account of Damascus.....	\$ 75 00	
Hertford	50 00	
July 25. Mrs. W. E. Bennett.....	93 04	
Mrs. W. E. Bennett	100 00	
Dec. 2. Dr. McMurry, account of Bigelow.....	61 42	
1912.		
Feb. 2. Mrs. W. E. Bennett	75 00	
Dr. McMurry, account of Beech Grove.....	100 00	554 46

1911. BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

May 11. Miss Clements	\$ 199 11	
July 24. Miss Clements	146 00	
Dec. 2. Dr. McMurry, account of Callaghan.....	100 00	
Easton	100 00	545 11

CENTRAL TEXAS.

Aug. 23. Mrs. W. L. Perry.....	\$ 484 50	
Dec. 2. Mrs. W. L. Perry.....	622 79	
1912.		
Feb. 4. Mrs. W. L. Perry.....	557 71	1,665 00

1911. COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Nov. 11. E. E. Bishop, balance scholarship, \$15.50, and reported in Vashti specials.		
Mrs. C. V. Ross	\$ 54 03	
E. E. Bishop, scholarship, \$25; reported in Vashti specials.		
Mrs. C. V. Ross	1 95	55 98

1912. DENVER CONFERENCE.

Jan. 18. Mrs. Theo Sammis		153 30
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1911. EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Oct. 12. Mrs. A. F. Compton		50 00
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1911.		FLORIDA CONFERENCE.		
June 20.	Mrs. C. T. Carroll	\$	150 00	
Nov. 21.	Mrs. C. T. Carroll		75 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Palatka.....		75 00	
	Fort Ogden		200 00—	\$ 500 00
1911.		HOLSTON CONFERENCE.		
May 2.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker	\$	150 00	
Sept. 12.	Mrs. Honaker, account of Wesley House.....		300 00	
	Mrs. Honaker, account of Conference expense.....		100 00	
23.	Dr. McMurry, account of Harriman		300 00	
Nov. 7.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker		150 00	
Dec. 2.	Dr. McMurry, account of Centenary, Knoxville.....		150 00	
	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, account of city missions.....		150 00	
	Mrs. M. H. Honaker.....		150 00—	1,450 00
1911.		KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.		
July 14.	Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer, to furnish office.....	\$	100 00	
	Miss Ruth Rush, Jackson.....		200 00	
	Conference expense		30 52—	330 52
1911.		LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.		
	Dr. McMurry, account of Norwalk			100 00
1911.		LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.		
May 9.	Mrs. R. C. Holt	\$	100 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Tidwell		250 00	
	Jena		100 00	
	Houghton		100 00	
	Mrs. J. J. Holmes		20 00	
	Rayne Memorial		250 00—	820 00
	\$50 was returned, making only \$770 for Louisiana.			
1911.		LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.		
Dec. 2.	Miss Gertrude Schlauffer	\$	42 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Kingswood		100 00—	142 00
1911.		MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.		
May 16.	Mrs. T. H. Temple	\$	129 65	
July 1.	Dr. McMurry, account of Enville		100 00	
	Sardis		50 00	
	Hollow Rock		50 00	
	Huntingdon		50 00	
	Decaturville		100 00	
	Henderson		100 00	
	Hornbeak		25 00	
	South Fulton		190 00	
	Olin Street, Memphis		190 00	
	Washington Heights		75 00	
	Mrs. Temple, for organizer		250 00—	1,309 65
1911.		MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.		
May 10.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature...\$		50 73	
16.	Dr. McMurry, account of Gulfport		200 00	
July 1.	Dr. McMurry, account of Carthage.....		100 00	
	Monticello		100 00	
	Miss Mabel Head, account of charts, etc.....		10 50	
Nov. 11.	Mrs. J. K. Dunn, account of city missions.....		25 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Pearl Street, Natchez		100 00	
	Nebo		100 00	
	Mrs. J. A. Gully, account of city missions.....		25 00	
	Rev. W. T. Griffin, account of city missions...		75 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Camden		150 00	
	Mrs. J. A. Gully, account of city missions.....		25 00	
	Mrs. J. A. Gully, account of city missions.....		25 00—	986 23
1911.		MISSOURI CONFERENCE.		
Oct. 27.	Mrs. C. B. Clapp, account of Wesley House...			200 00
1911.		MONTANA CONFERENCE.		
May 2.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature..			2 77

1911.	NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.		
July 25.	Dr. McMurry, account of La Mesa.....	\$ 100 00	
	Carrizozo	175 00—	\$ 275 00
1911.	NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.		
July 14.	Mrs. Cunningham Wilson	\$ 249 75	
Nov. 7.	Mrs. Cunningham Wilson	385 75—	635 50
1911.	NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.		
Nov. 7.	Mrs. N. E. Edgerton		300 00
1911.	NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.		
July 1.	Dr. McMurry, account of Blue Ridge.....	\$ 200 00	
	Emerson and East Lake	150 00—	350 00
1911.	NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.		
July 5.	Mrs. Wilburn, for Conference expense.....	\$ 200 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Tenuica	200 00	
	Inverness	200 00	
	Rienzi	100 00	
	Sturgis	250 00—	950 00
	Miss Billingsley, to complete endowed scholarship, \$35.81, and so reported.		
	Balance on deaconess scholarship, \$15.30, and so reported.		
1911.	NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.		
July 7.	Mrs. Frank Bennett	\$ 990 62	
Oct. 6.	Mrs. Frank Bennett	250 00	
Nov. 7.	Mrs. Frank Bennett	302 10	
	Mrs. Frank Bennett	468 67—	2,011 39
1911.	NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.		
July 14.	Mrs. D. L. Stephens	\$ 346 17	
	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, account of Miss Wynne's scholarship, \$60.10, and so reported.		
	Mrs. A. C. Cason, account of library at Virginia K. Johnson Home	350 00	
	Mrs. George Barcus, account of Conference expense	5 09	
	Mrs. H. G. Towle, account of Virginia K. Johnson Home	150 00	
	Mrs. H. G. Towle, account of Conference expense	213 12—	1,064 38
1911.	OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.		
June 8.	Mrs. J. A. Mercer	\$ 112 83	
July 1.	Dr. McMurry, account of Carter	100 00	
	Dustin	200 00	
	Elmore	100 00	
	Hurlburt	125 00	
	Brewer's Chapel	175 00	
	Guymon District	200 00	
	Rolf Mill	100 00	
	Guymon	150 00	
	Gove	75 00	
	25. Dr. McMurry, account of Garvin	75 00	
	East Fanland	50 00	
	West Texola	150 00	
	Mrs. J. A. Mercer	50 00—	1,662 83
1911.	PACIFIC CONFERENCE.		
Dec. 2.	Dr. McMurry, account of Kingsburg	\$ 150 00	
	Upper Lake	150 00	
	Visalia	150 00—	450 00
1911.	SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.		
Nov. 7.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers	\$ 100 00	
1912.			
Jan. 12.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers	200 00—	300 00

1911.		SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.			
May	9.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson	\$ 300 00		
		Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature	98 09		
		Mrs. J. A. Streyer, account of Door of Hope	300 00		
1912.					
Jan.	24.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson	200 00—	\$	898 09
1911.		SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.			
July	1.	Dr. McMurry, account of Rock Hill	\$ 200 00		
		Walker	250 00		
		Olin Street, Kansas City	200 00—		650 00
		Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, account of incidentals, Misses Gove and others, \$40; deaconess scholarship for same, \$360, and reported as scholarship money.			
1911.		ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.			
Jan.	25.	Miss Sallie K. Baxter, account Lead Belt work.	\$ 256 00		
		Miss Sallie K. Baxter, account Conference expense	279 51—		535 51
1911.		TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.			
May	9.	Dr. McMurry, account of Lincoln Mission	\$ 75 00		
July	14.	Mrs. W. C. Pollard	100 00		
Aug.	14.	Dr. McMurry, account of Summitville	200 00		
Sept.	23.	Dr. McMurry, account of Carthage	100 00		
		Theta Mission	150 00		
		Enterprise	75 00—		700 00
1911.		TEXAS CONFERENCE.			
May	2.	Miss E. L. Hill	\$ 700 00		
	22.	Miss E. L. Hill	1,160 48—		1,860 48
Aug.	8.	Miss Hill returned \$950, which was sent to Dr. McMurry for the following parsonages:			
		Hemphill	\$ 100 00		
		Mt. Enterprise	100 00		
		Jacksonville District	350 00		
		Livingston	300 00		
		Keltys	100 00—		950 00
1911.		VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.			
May	9.	Mrs. Robert Winfree			928 15
1911.		WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.			
July	25.	Dr. McMurry, account of McCulloch	\$ 100 00		
		Richland Springs	200 00		
		Markham	150 00		
		Junction	200 00		
		Mrs. R. Shaeffer	485 00—		1,125 06
1911.		WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.			
June	24.	Mrs. Joseph Rains			28 32
1911.		WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.			
Sept.	28.	Mrs. R. L. Hoke	\$ 147 72		
Nov.	16.	Mrs. R. L. Hoke	211 79—		359 51
1912.		WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.			
Feb.	3.	Mrs. J. M. Beale			273 17
1911.		WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.			
Dec.	2.	Dr. McMurry, account Landa Circuit	\$ 50 00		
		Jonesboro	50 00		
		Helena District	50 00		
		Batesville District	50 00—		200 00
		Total			\$26,057 41
		EXPLANATORY.			
		Less amount counted twice, account of Texas Conference	\$ 950 00		
		Also amount returned, account of Louisiana Conference	50 00—		1,000 00
		Total			\$25,057 41

Conference half dues sent and reported as
scholarship money:

Columbia Conference	\$ 40 50
North Mississippi Conference	51 11
Northwest Texas Conference	60 10
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	400 00—\$ 551 71

Grand total Conference Half Dues paid. \$25,609 12

COST OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Amount used for Council meeting\$1,355 00
 Money sent Scarritt for scholarship not needed and used for deacon-
 ess travel to Council 90 00

\$1,445 00
 Less amount refunded 397 83

Total cost of Council meeting, 1911.....\$1,047 17

Cost of administration (see list).....\$15,786 87
 To this add amount forwarded Scarritt for scholarship
 not needed and used for travel 90 00

\$15,876 87
 Less amount received for literature\$2,100 33
 Also refund 397 83— 2,498 16

\$13,378 71
 Amount received\$141,587 41
 City missions 46,851 33

Total\$188,438 74

Cost of administration, 7 per cent.

Total cash collections for connectional work for 1911.\$141,587 41
 Reported by voucher 46,851 33—\$188,438 74
 Expended for local work..... 281,745 36
 Value of supplies 27,246 58

\$497,430 68
 Grand total

FOREIGN

CONFERENCE.	DUES.						PLEDGE.			Bible Women.	Scholarships.
	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.		
Alabama.....	\$ 1,482 47	\$ 25 15	\$ 82 32				\$ 1,882 24	\$ 40 11		\$ 315 00	\$ 589 25
Arkansas.....	432 20	16 30	46 24	\$ 3 00	\$ 20 00		1,170 59	100 36	\$ 83 09	120 00	240 00
Baltimore.....	2,144 78	184 70	102 39	27 25						300 00	400 00
Cent. Texas.....	1,607 38	37 03	71 76				3,765 33	100 21	19 80	420 00	1,105 00
Columbia.....	73 95	3 00			20 00		7 00			121 35	
Denver.....	19 60										80 00
E. Oklahoma.....	326 10	2 00	5 19				603 00			60 00	40 00
Florida.....	978 53	93 70	229 24				3,400 78	69 96	78 73	300 00	240 00
Holston.....	1,209 03	60 15	98 77				2,460 37	92 95	55 50	120 00	80 00
Kentucky.....	1,539 67	55 63	107 37	3 66			2,403 18	124 35	87 27	120 00	160 00
Little Rock.....	783 73	42 13	48 26		10 00		4,043 15	110 56	72 55	60 00	160 00
Los Angeles.....	280 80	1 00	1 00	1 25			517 50			264 80	357 00
Louisville.....	589 77	8 95	30 42		25 00		1,264 86		11 05	240 00	500 00
Louisiana.....	1,934 75	156 22	101 47	4 96			2,806 65	182 67	24 05	240 00	720 00
Memphis.....	1,839 73	57 05	71 02				4,772 32	76 96		1,020 00	2,040 00
Mississippi.....	1,356 50	55 72	64 43				2,330 48	259 83	35 72	259 80	120 00
Missouri.....	1,097 36	14 00	16 75				2,230 85	92 50	4 59	60 00	160 00
New Mexico.....	119 85	8 32	9 15								80 00
N. Alabama.....	570 18	44 30	95 65				934 45			240 00	620 00
N. Carolina.....	2,726 02	142 79	330 26				6,698 88	576 09	826 06	154 00	480 00
N. Georgia.....	3,817 45	251 70	661 96	26 73	30 00		6,905 54	295 61	557 30	1,278 52	536 40
N. Mississippi.....	1,155 20	39 95	88 36	25			1,257 95	321 84	294 19	240 00	875 00
North Texas.....	1,129 90	30 95			30 00	\$100 00	3,821 50	228 50		180 00	400 00
N. W. Texas.....	497 68	1 75	6 30				1,186 75	15 95	2 00	95 00	255 00
Pacific.....	374 00	4 00	2 00				6 35			279 88	200 00
S. Carolina.....	4,180 55	186 77	624 36				8,159 22	880 55	50 51	360 00	700 00
S. Georgia.....	3,469 50	454 27	294 38				9,812 55			540 00	160 00
S. W. Missouri.....	1,688 87	133 62	41 34		65 00		3,383 22			540 00	839 10
St. Louis.....	702 45	59 15	14 25	2 90	10 00		1,515 61	252 90	32 80	120 00	40 00
Tennessee.....	2,391 46	182 08	185 36	38 09	20 00		3,428 65	300 42	58 70	180 00	942 55
Texas.....	661 84	42 92	43 45		25 00		2,364 25	7 75	2 25	121 00	185 50
Virginia.....	4,787 60	833 06	63 98		260 00	100 00	8,429 22			1,253 48	1,570 69
W. Oklahoma.....	133 08	60	1 57				209 80		2 00		40 00
West Texas.....	927 24	49 40	82 80				2,513 69		19 61	60 00	140 00
Western N.C.....	2,078 68	478 29	519 17		35 00		6,806 50	1,957 57	917 53	360 00	760 00
Western Va.....	306 99	43 20	60 15				535 92	23 25		360 00	320 00
White River.....	376 82	28 90	43 61				1,414 30	19 91		60 00	80 00
Mex. Mission.....	19 00										
Other Sources.....					26 00					60 00	168 00
Total.....	\$49,810 69	\$3,828 75	\$4,244 73	\$108 09	\$576 00	\$200 00	\$105,042 65	\$6,130 80	\$3,235 30	\$10,502 83	\$18,443 49

DEPARTMENT.

Day Schools.	Scarritt Endowment.	Scarritt Endowed Scholarships.	Scarritt Scholarships.	Jubilee.	Rio.	Retirement.	Mite Boxes.	Memorial Fund.	Chinese Famine Fund.	Week of Prayer.	Specials.	Totals.
	\$ 81 45			\$ 45 00	\$ 43 58	\$ 68 30			\$ 7 00		\$ 120 31	\$ 4,782 18
	31 20			56 71		15 25			4 00		125 00	2,463 94
\$ 100 00	52 70			695 83	4,890 84	61 55		\$ 24 00	40 10			9, 24 14
67 52	92 80			105 17		77 40		12 00	30 25	\$ 376 61	500 00	2, 58 26
	4 00	\$380 00				62 40	\$ 12 02			17 00	16 25	36 97
											99 60	
	10 00				33 20	29 55						1,109 04
	63 00			614 65		67 85						6,136 44
	58 90			259 85	31 82	45 65	12 78		45 80	143 17	7 55	4,772 29
				98 93		65 33			21 50	463 54	25 00	5,275 43
	22 50			10 00		37 15				28 30		5,428 33
	14 50					16 45					5 40	1,459 70
	23 05			80 75		28 88			12 50	96 68	5 00	2,916 91
	135 75			391 79		70 45			53 00	208 86	804 85	7,835 47
	90 83			94 00		76 90			36 50	110 11	46 15	10,331 57
45 00	64 80				199 64	60 80					8 05	4,860 77
	19 00			15 93		38 75		85 00				3,834 73
	16 40			59 90		3 90	3 07			66 74		367 33
	54 00			164 70		34 41			10 00		4,015 00	6,782 69
	85 80				138 49	76 09			11 00		45 85	14,291 33
77 72	96 86			725 36		81 46		10 00	41 65	503 83	85 00	15,983 07
350 00	68 65	\$272 57		18 53		32 34			10 00	190 77	4 00	5,219 60
250 00	68 00	500 00		25 00		45 00			39 00	75 00	500 00	7,482 85
100 00	19 35			64 60		10 90				71 08		2,326 36
	15 90					5 10	23 88			81 05	85 75	1,105 73
	177 16			805 80		140 01			9 00			16,273 93
	259 85				5,061 80	178 90			18 00		4,182 90	24,487 30
60 00	22 40			10 00	235 20	74 40					45 25	7,138 40
				117 00	113 87	31 65	3 30	75			136 39	3,153 02
100 00	124 25			1,008 85		96 85	58 45	10 00	3 00	284 73	6 00	9,419 44
	18 17					32 65				252 55		3,757 33
171 29	25 50			566 24		153 72	111 15	20 00	27 35	221 75	82 97	18,678 00
						4 70					16 65	408 40
	69 20			279 70	190 25	38 09		6 60	7 00	218 93		4,602 51
	89 37	237 50		657 33		89 52			8 50		40 75	15,035 71
	28 00			142 00		14 45	6 10	20 00		250 71	10	2,110 87
61 10	18 05			149 60	19 50	28 90			7 00			2,307 69
												19 00
				95 91		64 05			57 00		4,105 15	4,576 11
\$1,382 63	\$1,991 39	\$772 57	\$702 65	\$7,359 13	\$10,958 19	\$2,059 75	\$220 75	\$178 35	\$580 20	\$3,608 18	\$15,015 32	\$244,952 44

LOCAL WORK—HOME DEPARTMENT.

CONFERENCE.	Local Supplies.	Neely.	Parsonage.	Church Furnishing.	Specials.	Totals.
Alabama.....	\$ 443 90	\$ 786 19	\$ 1,231 11	\$ 1,410 12	\$ 278 60	\$ 4,149 92
Arkansas.....	906 75	231 59	1,549 27	1,112 01	99 40	3,899 02
Baltimore.....	1,332 95	433 90	2,645 45	2,389 93	481 68	7,283 91
Central Texas.....	2,733 16	1,650 29	5,173 62	5,671 26	1,455 03	16,683 36
Columbia.....	56 15	15 85	149 12	273 13	78 35	572 60
Denver.....	75 00	1 75	194 18	1,572 38	30 00	1,873 31
East Columbia.....	31 20	9 05	50 00	329 75	11 30	431 30
East Oklahoma.....	768 95	591 65	3,384 65	3,662 35	85 00	8,492 60
Florida.....	958 90	835 30	2,637 34	1,551 68	32 76	6,015 98
Holston.....	972 00	832 21	2,571 03	2,303 30	198 67	6,877 21
Kentucky (2 yrs.).....	649 45	579 58	912 41	533 11	359 04	3,033 59
Little Rock.....	1,153 23	1,751 54	2,300 91	4,346 12	1,657 75	11,209 55
Los Angeles.....	414 55	305 99	671 19	1,118 34	501 61	3,011 68
Louisiana.....	685 18	637 43	1,200 16	1,146 05	1,302 24	4,971 06
Louisville.....	738 78	199 24	548 21	1,546 16	418 82	3,451 21
Memphis (1st yr.).....	928 50	166 09	981 99	901 27	199 00	3,176 85
(No local reported since.)						
Mississippi.....	864 57	497 70	3,356 54	1,646 41	1,888 04	8,253 26
Missouri.....	2,076 44	112 82	650 67	3,411 52	267 03	6,518 48
Montana.....			320 36	71 80	304 56	696 72
New Mexico.....	1,079 59	303 59	825 21	1,961 95	267 88	4,438 23
North Alabama.....	1,932 24	1,250 97	2,882 95	3,493 17	2,547 54	12,106 87
North Carolina.....	669 02	1,023 02	1,139 68	2,484 62	1,362 92	6,679 26
North Georgia.....	1,552 68	2,059 41	2,395 32	2,437 69	3,462 35	11,907 65
North Mississippi.....	1,219 06	510 82	4,103 64	3,349 13	608 09	9,790 74
North Texas.....	2,168 77	1,655 84	4,212 14	5,055 45	5,973 63	19,065 83
Northwest Texas.....	1,312 00	253 58	5,031 60	4,164 90	1,718 91	12,480 99
Pacific.....	131 14	238 55	1,382 75	1,035 45	145 60	2,933 49
South Carolina.....	128 20	643 39	808 68	1,022 55	899 16	3,501 98
South Georgia.....	1,538 88	1,750 60	2,529 02	2,356 00	2,491 59	10 666 09
Southwest Missouri.....	1,367 80	678 93	2,179 03	4,758 65	2,064 86	11,049 27
St. Louis.....	2,672 41	715 43	2,127 29	3,283 90	975 25	9,774 28
Tennessee.....	1,442 61	912 33	1,062 61	2,682 70	1,126 94	7,227 19
Texas.....	2,637 47	1,918 94	7,957 78	9,570 94	2,819 43	24,904 56
Virginia.....	1,797 55	1,854 41	890 85	2,158 25	1,635 72	8,336 78
West Oklahoma (2 qs.)	579 85	204 16	2,118 67	2,562 56	756 95	6,222 19
West Texas.....	664 91	414 46	3,714 77	3,571 36	643 61	9,013 11
Western N. Carolina.....	829 83	176 03	1,173 98	1,114 11	1,731 20	5,025 15
Western Virginia.....	316 50	101 87	856 43	2,281 66	61 95	3,618 41
White River.....	241 19	228 28	827 35	775 96	105 63	2,178 41
Southern Illinois(1 yr.)	20 00		60	63 38	159 33	223 31
Total.....	\$40,095 36	\$26,532 78	\$78,748 76	\$95,181 07	\$41,187 42	\$281,745 39

SUMMARY OF MONEY HANDLED.

On hand April 1, 1911, before outstanding drafts re- turned	\$64,173 10	
Less amount transferred to Savings Department (see page 479, First Annual Report)	312 47—	\$ 63,860 63
Transferred from Savings Department, account of Retirement Fund		1,044 00
Transferred from Savings Department, account of Dr. Brooks's bequest		30 00
Transferred from Savings Department, account of Young J. Allen Fund		3,821 00
Transferred from Savings Department, account of Jubilee Fund...		2,750 00
Transferred from Savings Department, account of "Days of June"...		469 00
Received as per statement		244,952 44
Recalled from Korea		15,000 00
Borrowed at bank		28,500 00
Amount received that had to be refunded		1,165 83
Total		\$361,592 90
Less disbursements		328,309 28
Balance		\$ 33,283 62

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT—DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuities		\$ 763 65
Chinese sufferers		580 20
Expense of candidates		7,730 59
Interest and exchange		2,096 37
Notes paid at banks		55,100 00
Notes paid, account of property		8,000 00
Refunds		1,165 83
Scarritt Endowment		1,991 39
Scarritt endowed scholarships		772 75
Scarritt library		50 00
Scarritt, account of Marcia Marvin scholarship		85 15
Scarritt scholarships		740 00
Scarritt specials		49 00
Specials:		
"Days of June"	\$ 169 65	
Extension Secretary to Negroes	109 38	
Forward Movement	270 00	
Retirement interest	50 00	
Miss Love	80 00	
Miss Ethel Polk	300 00	
Dr. Hardie	100 00	
Soochow University	25 00	
F. K. Gamble	10 85	
Miss White's post cards	100 00	
Savings Department	15 00—	1,229 88
Travel for missionaries		1,500 29
Foreign Fields:		
Salaries: Brazil	\$19,893 08	
China	24,770 00	
Cuba	3,740 00	
Korea	11,219 17	
Mexico	12,887 16	
Missionaries at home	5,591 84	
Indian work	354 20—	78,455 45
Salaries for teachers and others: Brazil	\$ 5,075 00	
Cuba	5,110 00	
Mexico	15,027 50—	25,212 50
Bible women: Brazil	\$ 600 00	
China	5,740 00	
Korea	4,160 00	
Mexico	480 00—	10,980 00
Day schools: Brazil	\$ 800 00	
China	1,484 54	
Korea	1,505 00	
Mexico	187 50—	3,977 04
Scholarships: Brazil	\$ 2,422 50	
China	5,338 71	

Cuba	\$	800	00	
Korea		6,203	25	
Mexico		3,581	50—	\$ 18,345 96
Buildings: Brazil	\$	25,000	00	
China		6,000	00	
Korea		6,745	64	
Mexico		9,434	27—	47,179 91
Insurance, incidentals, taxes, woman's work, etc.:				
Brazil	\$	4,570	25	
China		2,900	00	
Cuba		2,150	00	
Korea		1,162	50	
Mexico		3,354	50—	14,137 25
Kindergarten: Brazil	\$	488	17	
China		854	70	
Mexico		150	00—	1,492 87
Rents: Brazil	\$	5,285	00	
China		100	00	
Mexico		2,912	50—	8,297 50
Specials: Brazil	\$	484	59	
China		828	41	
Korea		938	86	
Indian work		138	58—	2,390 44
Sundries: Brazil	\$	4,041	83	
China		4,175	80	
Cuba		300	00	
Korea		6,112	64	
Mexico		6,937	55—	21,567 82
Cost of Administration:				
Auditing Treasurer's books	\$	15	00	
Bond of Treasurer		25	00	
Certificates (children)		35	00	
Expense of Council meeting		1,087	28	
Expense of Board Meeting		215	87	
Expense of Mid-Year Meeting		96	00	
Expense of Jubilees		659	98	
Literature (printing Annual Reports, etc.)		3,635	82	
Mite boxes		175	67	
Office expense and travel of officers and managers ..		2,266	62	
Salaries: Officers		3,749	98	
Clerical help of officers		1,272	50	
Missionary Voice and Young Christian Worker		1,182	90—	14,417 62
Total disbursements				\$328,309 28

RECAPITULATION BY FIELDS.

Brazil	\$	68,660	42	
China		52,192	16	
Cuba		12,100	00	
Indian work		492	78	
Korea		38,047	06	
Mexico		62,952	48	
Missionaries at home		5,591	84—	\$240,036 74
Notes	\$	55,100	00	
Interest		2,096	37	
Specials, etc.		4,074	02	
Refund		1,165	83	
Home administration		14,417	62	
Sundries		11,418	70—	88,272 54
Total				\$328,309 28
Cost of administration, Foreign Department				\$14,417 62
Less amount received for literature				289 14
				\$14,128 48

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Amount collected, 1911, Home Department.....\$141,587 41
City missions 46,851 33

Amount collected, Foreign Department \$188,438 74
Amount sent direct to Scarritt 244,952 44
Amount sent direct to Scarritt 3,797 51

Total amount\$437,188 69

Home cost\$13,378.71
Foreign Department 14,128.48

437,188.69) 27,507.1900 (.062+
26,231.3214

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8,743.7738

Drafts Outstanding:

Brazil\$ 9,976 71
China 13,623 62
Korea 10,703 45
Mexico 500 00—\$34,803 78

Other Indebtedness:

Korea, for money recalled.....\$15,000 00
Retirement Fund 3,103 75
Young J. Allen Fund 4,055 63
Jubilee Fund 7,359 23
"Days of June" 573 28
Rio de Janeiro 11,958 53— 42,050 42

Total\$76,854 20

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79..	\$ 4,104 27	1895-96..	\$ 74,403 16
1879-80..	13,775 97	1896-97..	82,880 47
1880-81..	19,362 10	1897-98..	86,418 76
1881-82..	25,609 44	1898-99..	83,587 07
1882-83..	29,647 31	1899-1900	97,064 96
1883-84..	38,873 52	1900-01..	118,809 67
1884-85..	52,652 12	1901-02..	104,017 97
1885-86..	51,588 76	1902-03..	112,458 78
1886-87..	50,092 63	1903-04..	132,143 37
1887-88..	69,729 65	1904-05..	146,151 51
1888-89..	68,165 34	1905-06..	155,951 10
1889-90..	75,476 54	1906-07..	174,597 82
1890-91..	85,969 44	1907-08..	226,192 88
1891-92..	66,448 59	1908-09..	259,178 28
1892-93..	71,199 12	1909-10..	264,562 46
1893-94..	66,377 90	1910-11..	280,153 07
1894-95..	63,951 98	1911	244,952 44

\$3,496,548 45

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS, *Treasurer.*

This is to certify that our Mr. Parkes has examined the receipts and disbursements, including all vouchers, of the Woman's Department for the past nine months, beginning at the close of our last audit, April 1, 1911, and ending December 31, 1911, both dates included.

We find the accounts properly kept and vouchers on file for all disbursements. The cash on hand, as shown by the attached statements, has been verified by comparison with statements from the banks in which deposits are kept.

Respectfully,

TENNESSEE AUDITING COMPANY,
By W. L. McFarland, *President.*

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, MISS MABEL HEAD.

The work of the Educational Secretaries is of such a general nature that results are hard to tabulate. I think that I might sum up in three sentences the work I have done:

1. From the office by means of a large amount of correspondence and

by sending out study class literature and helps I have pushed mission study and other methods of missionary education.

2. Eight of the ten months I have spent in field work, averaging two services a day, where I tried faithfully to present the work of the Woman's Missionary Council and to give helpful methods of work.

3. I have spent the time not actually required in the office and public service in a study of missionary books and other literature, also the methods of work of other organizations, that I might be the better prepared to advance the cause of my Lord and the work of my Church. I would that all of these had been more perfectly done.

FIELD WORK.

The early spring was given largely to annual meetings. I attended fourteen. I did not attend the usual number of Summer Conferences, as the month of July was given to rest and study, and August to the office work. The three months of the fall were spent in visiting the Western Conferences—Denver, Montana, Columbia, East Columbia, Pacific, and Los Angeles. Never have I worked with a more faithful band of women, nor have I found people more eager for help or more responsive than those in our Western Churches. The possibility for growth in that section is great, for there are teeming thousands not in touch with any Church. The work cannot be done without the expenditure of men and money. The denomination that does adequately what the great West demands will reap large reward in what those people will bring into the Church. Our missionary women are the leaven in those Churches more truly even than in other sections.

SERVICES HELD DURING THE TEN MONTHS.

Addresses to general congregations.....	95
Meetings with societies.....	98
All-day meetings.....	52
Services in schools and colleges.....	21
Institute hours (not included above).....	24
Children's services.....	30
Study class hours.....	28

MISSION STUDY.

Leaflets giving the course of study and methods of work were prepared and sent out in the summer and fall. The correspondence concerning mission study has been more than double that of last year. The number of *Helps* sent out to classes has greatly increased. The total number enrolled in my office is 744 classes, numbering 11,224; not included in these classes, 3,600, making a total of 14,824, an increase over last year of 6,740. The number for the whole Church this year is 19,824. My report and that of the Third Vice President do not tally;

I report only those sending for *Helps*. Mission study is growing throughout the Church. As yet the women are leading, but with the increase in the Sunday schools and Leagues we shall need to double our efforts. The children's books are much more generally used than ever before. We are sure that fully one-third of the Churches either have a study class or are giving consideration to the possibility of developing that work. The most popular book of the year has been "The Conservation of National Ideals," for the foreign study has been divided between "Western Women in Eastern Lands" and "The Light of the World."

VOLUNTEERS.

We Educational Secretaries have felt a sense of responsibility for presenting the need of trained workers to the people wherever we go; also for emphasizing this need in our colleges. I have urged the necessity of the volunteers in the colleges taking an active part in the missionary work of the school. I have also felt that those who for any reason were detained at home should be studying missionary books and should aid us in the work of missionary education. A few have done good work in this way, but no one in the Church seems to have a list of these detained volunteers, so I have done almost nothing along this line. I have been able to report to the Department Secretaries only a very few volunteers found in my field work. This is partly due to the fact that I did not attend the Summer Conferences as usual.

CHARTS.

At the last Council meeting we reported two sets of charts ready for sale. Six hundred sets were printed, and all but seventy-five of the foreign sets have been sold. The sales netted about \$50 above all cost. We come this year with another set ready for use. These are pictorial charts showing the various phases of our work. There are five charts showing the foreign work and five showing the home, ten charts in the two sets, which sell for seventy-five cents a set. They are as valuable for work with the children and young people as with the adults. Three sets of hand-made charts were prepared, as directed by the Council, for use of those who are doing field work. There has been a good exhibit of our work at most of the annual meetings, Institutes, and Summer Conferences.

COLLEGES.

Correspondence has been carried on with the leaders of the missionary work in our colleges and in many of the State schools. I have sent programs for study of our work, have urged mission study, offerings to the specials for young people, have made suggestions about missionary libraries, etc. Owing to the fact that the college reports do not come in until spring, I give no statistics. I believe that we have reason

to be encouraged about this phase of the work, though the students are not learning to know the Church activities as they should.

In trying to promote missionary education we have had faith to believe that the facts of missions would stir our people to larger things. I do know that the number of women well informed on missions is growing. I know, too, that there is more eagerness to learn than I have found before; circles of prayer for missionary objects are being formed. The fact of a new Constitution and plan of work has driven the women to a study of our plans that the old did not demand. I can only say that I have given myself unstintedly to the task of faithfully trying to bring the policies and plans of our work to the people, to push vigorously every department of the work; and if there ever come any results from my labors, I give all the praise to Him whose I am and whom I serve.

EDITORIAL SECRETARY, MRS. A. L. MARSHALL.

The literature of the Woman's Missionary Council may be roughly divided into three classes, arranged in order of ascending importance as follows:

1. Leaflet Literature
2. Missionary Periodicals.
3. Mission Study.

LEAFLET LITERATURE.

An estimate has been made that the Protestant Mission Boards of America invest one and six-tenths per cent of their total receipts in their leaflet literature. The Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Council allowed \$1,600 to cover this expense, and in our endeavor to economize at all points and keep within the limit we have expended for printing and distribution of all its leaflet literature less than \$1,300, or four-tenths per cent of its total income, as shown by the following financial statement:

Financial Statement.

Regular monthly leaflets, adult, young people, and children:

First quarter	\$ 231 20
Second quarter	429 85
Third quarter	185 78
Fourth quarter	190 60
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Total	\$1,037 43
Week of Prayer leaflets.....	90 13
Replenishing stock leaflets.....	164 65
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Total for leaflets	\$1,292 21
Allowance for leaflets	\$1,600 00

Other Publications.

20,000 helps for missionary societies.....	\$195 00
20,000 Year Books	191 00
5,000 lists of publications.....	32 95

Total	\$418 95
Allowance for these publications	\$500 00

Itemized Report of Monthly Leaflets.

First quarter:

30,000 Picture Lady	\$ 68 10
30,000 Deacon to Church	66 60
30,000 Wing Pu Ho	21 00
30,000 Juvenile Leaflets	34 25
Express	41 25—\$ 231 20

Second quarter:

30,000 Trip to Cuba	\$126 90
30,000 Mary Black Hospital.....	151 65
30,000 Birthday Missionary	58 40
30,000 Juvenile Leaflets	34 50
Express	58 40— 429 85

Third quarter:

30,000 Our Workers	\$ 52 05
30,000 Questions on Africa.....	29 50
30,000 On Citizenship	30 00
30,000 Juvenile Leaflets	33 50
Express	40 73— 185 78

Fourth quarter:

30,000 'Xmas Barrel	\$ 32 00
30,000 Power of a Book	47 75
30,000 December Leaflet	50 00
30,000 Juvenile Leaflets.....	30 35
Express	30 50— 190 60

Grand total	\$1,037 43
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Purpose of the Monthly Leaflet.

The Committee on Literature is earnestly desirous of making the monthly leaflet a valuable and definite adjunct to the monthly program, and not simply an irrelevant contribution to the promiscuous supply. Forty-eight such leaflets were planned for what we call the "Regular Quarterly Supply," which, in addition to twelve weekly prayer leaflets, four campaign leaflets, and various stock leaflets, run the total number up to about seventy-five that have been put out during the year 1911.

Distribution of Leaflet Literature.

As a distributing center the office of the Editorial Secretary recognizes its obligation to be simply a servant of the Conferences, and all it asks is a definite statement of the will of the Conference officers. Four out of seventy-eight Conference Secretaries have recently expressed the wish to have the regular supply of quarterly leaflets sent from our office directly to their District Secretaries. We are not at present equipped for this more burdensome method of distribution, but can become so if the Woman's Missionary Council indorses this as the best plan. Some few of the other Conference Secretaries show a disinclination to share the distribution even with their First and Second Vice Presidents, whereas the large majority approve such distribution.

It has been suggested that the most economical method would be for this office to mail the leaflets directly to the Auxiliaries, thus saving the first cost of express from Nashville to the various Conferences. In the Forward Movement this experiment is being tried, and it has been found that the additional force required to mail directly to Auxiliaries costs approximately the same as we pay for express. Of course the expense of stamps for one mailing is the same in either case, so that the question simply resolves itself into the preferences of the Conference officers as to whether they wish to assume the additional labor of mailing for the sake of the "personal touch." Those Conferences that mail to the District Secretaries for re-distribution lose the cost of one mailing.

THE ORDER DEPARTMENT.

The office sends out by special order an average of about ninety pieces of mail daily, including twenty-five letters of explanation. The preventable waste here is due to inadequate or confused orders. The commonest among inadequate orders is the one asking for record books without specifying whether for the Home or for the Foreign Department. These have assumed such proportions that we have one file labeled "Which?" devoted to this mistake, and have in this file orders a year old from people who absolutely refuse to answer our repeated inquiries. It is not uncommon to receive unsigned orders. A Conference officer lately could find no possible explanation for our neglect of her clearly typewritten order until we mailed it back to her to convince her that it had no signature. Our work could be done in half the time if orders were made out definitely in accordance with the current catalogue of publications, which is for free distribution.

"MISSIONARY VOICE."

The *Missionary Voice* was cheered and encouraged by a message brought to it by Dr. Pinson from the Foreign Missions' Conference held lately in New York. In discussing missionary periodicals the General Secretary of the Canadian Methodist Board stated that among

the forty missionary periodicals none was brighter and more up-to-date than the *Missionary Voice*. Such generous recognition from an authority in another denomination is a very real help.

Many of our women, an increasing number of our preachers, and a few laymen are coming to recognize it as a valuable aid in their several departments, and we may truly feel that it is beginning to come into its own as a servant of the entire Church. The report of the Home Department shows an increase of four thousand subscribers over last year. There were five hundred more subscribers in January, 1912, than in January, 1911, and a thousand more in February, 1912, than in February, 1911. Yet these gains are not sufficient to bring the paper up to a paying basis, as indicated by the financial statement.

Financial Statement.

Total receipts	\$18,482 99
Total expenditures	22,914 59

Deficit	\$ 4,431 60
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To be shared between departments:

Board of Missions	\$2,215 80
Woman's Department, foreign work.....	1,107 90
Woman's Department, home work	1,107 90

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Amount in bank March 1, 1911.....	\$ 1 03
Amount received from subscriptions from March 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912.....	1,279 42
Amount received from advertisements.....	37 50—\$1,317 95

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By amount paid for stamps	\$ 5 00
By amount paid Publishing House	1,298 35— 1,303 35
Amount in bank Janauary 1, 1912.....	\$ 14 60
Amount due Publishing House.....	\$ 335 25

FIELD SECRETARY, MISS DAISY DAVIES.

In our grand old missionary hymn we sing:

"Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are."

And day after day is coming to me this same question from many people, and it is with real enthusiasm that I can reply after careful thought: "The morning cometh." It has been a long, weary night of

ignorance, selfishness, and indifference. Our hearts almost break at the darkness of indifference that is keeping out of the organized ranks of missionary endeavor eight hundred thousand women of our beloved Church—women who seem to care not one dime whether daybreak ever comes to the superstition and idolatry cursed nations of earth. Though in some places it seems dark still, when the whole situation is considered one cries with joy: "Morning cometh."

Tokens of the dawn are everywhere. Perhaps the rosiest token in the whole sky is the great advance and interest in the knowledge of conditions. Missionary information is the vital theme in all our many "movements" of the day. Campaigns, jubilees, missionary expositions, lecture courses, definite study classes, missionary news in secular papers and magazines, the missionary life in Sunday schools—all of these agencies are bringing a dynamic force into thousands of lives that will count largely in the hastening of the coming kingdoms.

What a significant fact it is that in the preparation for the great missionary exposition, "The World in Cincinnati," five thousand people were for weeks in mission study classes that they might faithfully demonstrate world conditions and needs!

The other brightest spot in the missionary sky, considering the home base, is the wonderful spirit of unity that is a token of daybreak in matters missionary. World interests are making us forget petty differences and bringing the forces in our Church as well as in other Churches into that oneness of spirit for which our Master so fervently prayed.

While there have been some unrest and some heartaches over the many changes in our policies, in a most beautiful way the forces are mustering for a great battle against darkness and superstition and sin with no smaller ideal than a world redeemed. Never before in any year have I had so large an opportunity to see these tokens of daybreak.

It has been a busy year and one remarkable for large meetings in many different sections of our territory. Statistically it reads as follows for the ten months:

Miles traveled	16,150
Places visited	54
Services held	299
Annual Conferences	12
Summer schools	4
Jubilee meetings	16
Colleges visited	2

As soon as the Council and Board meetings were over, I attended in quick succession twelve annual conferences of our women—North Alabama, Holston, North Mississippi, Western Virginia Home Conferences, and Holston, North Mississippi, Western Virginia, Western North Caro-

lina Foreign Conferences, also the North Georgia and Tennessee Home and Foreign Conferences in joint session.

At all of these I felt encouraged concerning the work. Good attendance and deep interest were marked signs of progress. At each one the liveliest question was the expediency of union of forces. In these twelve Conferences all united but three; two of these took definite action looking to union.

Following the Annual Conferences came the summer assemblies or schools at Monteagle, Seashore Camp Ground, Epworth-by-the-Sea, and Sulphur, Okla. It is a token of great promise that the number of these assemblies is increasing each year, and the attendance and interest are most hopeful of great results.

The mission study classes and institute hours are well attended, and scores of young people are giving their lives as a result of visions gained in these ten days of study and prayer. In one Conference I found that in recent years five missionaries are doing active service on the field because of influences that came to them at these summer assemblies. Hundreds of study classes exist to-day because here the leaders were trained. Better and more definite plans of work are manifest in our Church organizations because of the work of the institute hours. What a splendid investment if every Church would send a delegate to one of these centers to bring into the Church the enthusiasm and knowledge gained at these assemblies.

The first of September the season of summer schools was ended, and I was at home for a season of rest and study.

Perhaps the most splendid opportunity for inspirational work that I have had came in October and November in the series of Southern Jubilees held in fourteen of our large cities—Norfolk, Va., Greensboro, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Mobile, Ala., New Orleans, La., Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., Oklahoma City, Okla., Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio, Tex. Too much cannot be said of these great meetings. Only eternity will reveal the many results that have come through them. It was an inspiration to see thousands of women attending luncheons, parlor meetings, prayer services, and mass meetings where missions was the one great theme.

Thousands of women will trace their interest in missions to the great Jubilee year. Mrs. Peabody, in whose thought was born the great Jubilee movement, and whose large brain carried it to its successful completion in her address in Philadelphia recently, paid a glowing tribute to the work of the Southern women in their Jubilee work. It was her first visit South, and she always speaks with enthusiasm of her stay among us.

A week in North Carolina in December gave fine opportunity for well-planned meetings in four places, one-day Jubilees being held at Fayetteville and Charlotte. Splendid preparation brought splendid results.

Thus ended the story of the journeyings for a while, as the Christmas holiday was distant only one week.

The record of ten months of work is before you; and while it finishes the report of the fiscal year, I must peep over into this year's travel to record my visit of two days to Philadelphia as your delegate to the Interdenominational Conference of Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada, which meets only once in three years. Thirty-eight Boards were represented by one hundred and seventeen delegates. It was a meeting of much interest and far-reaching importance. As a full report will be given later, I shall not speak definitely of the meeting at this time. It was a great regret that neither Miss Bennett nor Mrs. Chappell, your other delegates, could be present. I believe it was a justifiable pride that made me rejoice to find our Church abreast of the best in our plans and methods of work. None of the representatives felt that it was an occasion to boast, but in humility and prayer to seek a larger way of better service.

As I look back over the days of constant travel and speaking to tabulate results, I thank God and take courage. There is coming a new missionary consciousness to the Church. The vastness of the opportunity in the nations of the world and the great latent power of unused wealth of money and lives in our Churches are arousing our forces to a more determined endeavor to reach our ideal—every member of the Church at work for the redemption of the world.

Pitiful indeed is the plea for help. Pathetic is the condition of these millions of women and children who know not the name Christ Jesus, to whom love is an unknown language. They are in every land, and by the million they are pouring into this our beloved land.

Urgent is the need. Now is the time to enter every field; if not now, when? If this world situation is to be met, it must be by united effort—appalled by the task if considered by a few, but approached with confidence if we are a united force. Hopeless is the task unless the enlarged activity in the Church can be depended upon, says John Mott.

In the same strain speaks the Archbishop of Canterbury: "If the work is to be done, we must make men know and feel—yes, and make them *live* as men who know and feel; not in abstract theory, but in living, burning fact that there is none other name under heaven given to man in whom and through whom we or any other folk can receive salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the sense, strong, eager, and aglow with what we owe to God in Christ Jesus which alone can quicken the pulse and nerve the arm for the battle, which is not ours; it is the Lord's. But, brothers and sisters, that means effort; that means the sort of sacrifice which Christ looks for and demands when he bids men count the cost of discipleship, and that means a courage that ten thousands of our shy, reticent people wholly lack. Be it ours to hearten them. God will show us how. But

be quite sure that the place of missions in the life of the Church is a central place, none other; that is what matters. Let people get hold of that, and it will tell for us at home as well as for those afield."

I never more fully realized in my part of this work that it is only through the power of the risen Christ that a *real* work could be done. But he has said: "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

Confident, then, of victory through him and grateful to him for strength, I leave the results of these busy months in his keeping.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT, MRS. H. R. STEELE, CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

At the midyear meeting of the Council in November, after an earnest and prayerful consideration of our work and its needs, it was voted to launch a Forward Movement.

The slogan, "250,000 Women Our Aim for 1912," was adopted; and the bugle call, "Double Our Membership, Double Our Offerings," was sent throughout the Church.

The Forward Movement is a call to prayer and personal work and larger gifts, an appeal to the women of the Church to double their offerings and, if possible, to average \$7 per capita.

To present this appeal to the women we have prepared and mailed out 1,390,000 cards and leaflets. In our first mailing we endeavored to announce the Movement and in Dr. Detwiler's most beautiful prayer to inspire the women to a larger devotion and larger gifts, also to make known the basis of a per capita offering and the funds that would be counted in the Movement. In the second mailing we endeavored to show the reason for the Movement, and sent out a call from Miss Bennett and Mrs. Cobb, and Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonell showing the specific needs of enlargement and better equipment in the foreign and home fields. With this mailing we sent a prayer calendar which we hope to put into the purse of every woman in the Church to remind her of the great commission under which we are working and of our obligation to the men and women and children who do not know Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. Our third and last mailing was a call to larger service—a call to the women of the Church to give themselves, their time, their money that this great work might be done and our great task accomplished.

We have mailed direct to 4,126 auxiliaries, 186 District Secretaries, 99 Council officers, 525 Conference officers, 100 foreign missionaries, 85 deaconesses and city missionaries and 184 men and women who should be and are not interested in missions. We have sent literature to seventy institutes and mass meetings, and have filled such orders as have come to us from the fields.

There has been a cordial response from all parts of the Church.

Many women have pledged themselves to definite prayer, and many have pledged a double offering.

We believe that God is leading in the Movement. Have you heard him calling, calling to you for a larger service, calling to you for larger gifts? "Forward" is our watchword—forward to the task of making known to man God's infinite love, which is the life in Jesus Christ.

Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ, which is to bring the world to Christ.

The Movement has cost \$4,214.80.

Literature	\$1,881 16
Stamps	881 15
Office help	140 55
Stenographer	135 00
Salary	375 00
Travel	655 00
Borrowed money returned	100 00
Stenographer	30 00
Charts	5 50
Telegrams	3 68
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Total expense	\$4,207 04
Balance in bank	\$ 6 76

MANAGERS.

Eastern Division, Mrs. Lee Britt.

Reviewing the events that have helped to extend our work in this division, it is hard to know just what event has been the most helpful, for the year has been full of good things. Beginning in October with the first of the Jubilee meetings planned by the Southern Extension Committee, our division was fortunate in having seven of the fourteen meetings held in a chain of its large cities extending from Norfolk, Va., to Mobile, Ala. While the offering did not reach the desired amount, it was liberal; and God alone can estimate the good done by these meetings, drawing, as they did, all Christian women into closer union, all with one purpose—to tell of the joy of redeeming love even unto the uttermost part of the earth—stirring the uninterested and reaching out after the indifferent women in the Churches.

Following the Jubilee, there have been a number of "Jubilettes." Reports of interdenominational study classes and permanent interdenominational unions have been received, in which the women of the various denominations meet once a quarter to study the best methods of work and to exchange experiences as to progress made and difficulties overcome.

To my mind the Forward Movement as projected by the Executive

Committee at the midyear meeting is the greatest movement ever undertaken by the Church. The whole Church is compelled to feel the influence of the movement which is seeking to reach the whole membership of the Church and to get as many as possible to pledge to pray definitely, to give systematically, and to work unceasingly until the other nine women are reached. The goal to be reached is worthy of the efforts required to attain it. I did not realize how many there are who could be enlisted to increase the force and strengthen the home base until I saw Mrs. Ross's improper fractions in a recent copy of the *Voice*.

We have been fortunate in having Mrs. Campbell, Miss Mamie Meyers, and Miss Mary Lou White with us, as they have done most effective work. Mrs. Campbell made an extensive itinerary in Western North Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia. The message she gave was clear and convincing, reaching many; and the same can be said of the messages delivered by Misses Myers and White, both of whom have been kept busy, the former in the South and Miss White nearer home. Other workers have visited points in the division.

We have missed Mrs. Luke Johnson, whose continued illness has brought sorrow to her many friends. God grant that she may soon be restored to perfect health and to the work so dear to her.

By visits and by correspondence I have been able to come into closer touch with the splendid secretaries and other leaders of the division. Their kind words have cheered and warmed my heart. I have attended three annual meetings, many district meetings, and several interdenominational meetings, at which it was my privilege to present the work of the Council. I have assisted at two Institutes and furnished several articles for the paper. The correspondence has been heavy; but I have not failed to reply to all the letters received, and have been able to supply many requests for leaflets on special subjects.

Several of the Conference Societies united just after the first meeting of the Council, and others with a wider vision of the possibility of greater service are now planning to unite. Splendid reports have been received from the united societies telling of the beautiful spirit of harmony and unity that prevails, also of the joy of serving those in the homeland and at the same time reaching out a helping hand to those in non-Christian lands.

God grant that our women may

"Haste their mission high fulfilling,

To tell all the world that God is light;

That he who made all nations is not willing

One soul should perish, lost in shades of night!"

and that "through our neglect none whom he hath ransomed shall fail to greet him, unfit to see his face."

Central Division, Mesdames E. B. Chappell and H. R. Steele.

As we review the year's work of the Central Division, we are glad to note that there has been a small advance along all lines.

The Memphis, Missouri, and Tennessee Conferences lead in the number of new auxiliaries and in the number of new members enrolled.

Five of the thirteen Conferences have united, and report that the union has been a means of enlarging their work. Six Conferences will hold joint meetings this year.

The Missouri, St. Louis, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Tennessee Conferences held itinerations of district meetings, and report new auxiliaries, the organization of mission study classes, and an awakening interest in all the departments of our work.

The Mississippi, North Mississippi, St. Louis, Memphis, White River, Little Rock, Louisiana, and Tennessee Conferences were covered by the Institutes held in the interest of the Forward Movement, and report good attendance, in spite of the rain and snow, and a cordial response to the call of need in the Movement.

The splendid work we have accomplished only emphasizes the vast possibilities of the Conferences in the Central Division. May we with prayer and faith press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus which is to bring the world to Christ.

Western Division, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

The work of the Western Division has gone forward during the past year in spite of drought and cold and severe epidemics. The Conferences have all practically united, and are faithfully and enthusiastically striving to do their full part to bring in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A number of letters have been written and received from the officers of each Conference.

The School of Missions held in our Methodist dormitory, Denton, Tex., last June was successful, and reached an attendance of fifty. The second session has been planned for June 4-14. Dr. Winton, Dr. Gibson, Miss Head, and Miss Howell will be the regular instructors for each day. A number of local workers will help with the methods class. The courses are Bible, mission study, social service, and methods, with addresses and entertainments at night.

The Institutes could not be held in Texas in March, but have been planned for May. During that month there will be conducted in the State at least thirty District Institutes and four Annual Conference meetings. From these we expect great things.

Meetings have been held with three Conference Executive Committees to plan for the Forward Movement and Institute, and talks on the work have been made when given opportunity.

Five visits have been made to the Virginia K. Johnson Home to attend to business in connection with the property.

As far as possible we have responded to the needs of the Conference Societies in the Division.

We trust that the year to come will be more fruitful and will see a larger growth.

Western Division, Mrs. W. F. Barnum.

In the words of Jean Ingelow,

"I am glad to think
I'm not bound to make the world go right;
But only to discover and to do
With cheerful heart the work that God appoints.
I will trust in him
That he can hold his own; and I will take
His will above the work he sendeth me
To be my chiefest good.
The glory is not in the task, but in the doing it for him."

I was fully prepared to meet the eager desire of our women for the fullest plans for union. Attending in rapid succession the North Texas, Oklahoma, Central Texas, West Texas, and Texas Conferences, there was not a moment's hesitancy as to the right and best thing to do. I was privileged to be associated with Misses Bennett and Head in three of these meetings. The largest discussion and adoption of liberal policies for Conference work were most gratifying. The earnestness with which our women have labored during the year for the highest ideals is full of promise.

I was glad to spend awhile with workers at the Wesley House in Houston, Tex. To meet and talk and pray and sing with the girls in the home was not the least of its benefits. To be present at a meeting of the City Board and to know the women who lead in so noble a cause formed another bond of fellowship. The grounds selected for location of the new building seemed most wise as related to the home life of the business girls of the city.

No work of our Home Department demands larger consideration than that at Galveston, Tex. It is a splendid location to meet a double need—the friends of the foreigner and a night mission for the unsaved of her city.

Since I could not be longer at the Summer School at Denton, I needed only a glimpse to bear testimony of the large place it has come to fill in the missionary training of our women. With my colaborer at the helm and our splendid dormitory the center of activities, "Success" is written on its banner.

To crown the events of the summer itinerary none seemed so fitting

as the laying of the corner stone of our new Virginia K. Johnson Home in Dallas, Tex. Dignified and impressive was every feature of the exercises, and we could sing with heart and voice "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

We are grateful for the loving ministries of friends, who made it possible to get ready for China our Miss Manns without extra tax upon her strength and time, leaving her much with her mother and family. Proof of her returning health is in a recent letter, in which she said that she had not lost a day from her work until at Chinese New Year, while at Shanghai, a cold kept her indoors for a few days. Her letters fairly glow with gratitude for China's victories, and she begs that the Church at home be ready to meet China's need and call for the gospel.

One cannot refrain from mentioning our second interdenominational study class in Fort Worth, with one hundred and fifty splendid women enrolled and the most excellent directorship of our own Mrs. John A. Rice. "The Light of the World" was the book studied. We heartily recommend the plan to all large cities and towns and as heartily to the smaller ones where it seems so impossible for lack of leaders and enthusiasm. I found the same plan in other places. The courses for both departments are perfectly adapted to interdenominational co-operation. A local Jubilee was a fitting finale to our study class work. Denominational rallies were held in the afternoon, and a young people's rally was held in the evening. In the midst of our long and well-prepared plans we experienced the severest norther of the winter, and the large body of college students could not attend. After a stirring address by Dr. John A. Rice, thirty young people indicated their intention to live a surrendered life anywhere God called them.

En route from the midyear meeting we tarried for the first morning service of the Memphis Jubilee. Since we had shared in the launching of and plans for the Dallas Jubilee, it was with keen interest that we joined there in our denominational rally. We have had but few reports of local Jubilee meetings. Not wishing to attempt it without outside speakers, the women seem to have waited for a more convenient season.

We regretted the occasion for disappointment that came to us after correspondence and plans for Mrs. Grubbs's visitation to our schools and colleges in Oklahoma and Texas. The information gained regarding the schools will yet serve a good purpose for work among young people.

Through correspondence with our Western Conferences we find our missionary societies in a unique way serving as instructors to the women of other denominations, who, having no organization of their own, join us in local work if not in connectional matters. We find a touch of this coöperation in other localities.

Especial mention should be made of your new work in North Fort

Worth, in the midst of large packing house interests and a foreign population of three thousand. Miss Eugenia Smith, who so ably pioneered your Thurber Mission, is in charge of this new work. Words poorly express my appreciation of and high regard for this young woman as she ministers as an angel of mercy to any and all who need her.

We answered the call of the Campaign Committee for Institute work in Louisiana and one other Conference. No definite plans having reached us before leaving for Louisiana, we were granted a return home. March 12-24 marked the days spent in the Louisiana Conference, touching every district save one. The following statistics may not signify much to any one save ourselves and the faithful Conference officers who were in constant attendance:

Number of places visited	9
Number of services held	19
Other towns sending delegates	18
Number of Methodist Churches represented	34
Evening meetings held	7
Attendance	428
Afternoon meetings held	7
Attendance	351
Morning meetings held	5
Attendance	196
Conference officers and District Secretaries present....	40
Auxiliary officers	216
Ministers attending	47

If Christian fellowship, courtesies extended from pulpit or pew, faithful attendance upon services, and a manifest interest in all that appertains to the causes represented are any token of good, Louisiana Conference deserves to be counted among the best.

Closing the Institute work in New Orleans afforded a coveted opportunity to visit our mission work in the city—an unexpected lunch at St. Mark's Hall and a survey of the building and equipment. The children coming for Saturday afternoon sewing class delighted us in songs of adoration, praise, and patriotism. It was easy to see in the bright faces the result of Christian association.

Only a moment could be given to the Mary Werlein Mission on the way to an outgoing train. But once in the building, its walls tell in picture and verse its mission of salvation. A grasp of Sister Meekens's hand and a look into the depths of kindly eyes and a "God bless you" were proof enough of God's call to meet the needs of "his other sheep" in that part of the city.

Numerous meetings of varied character, added to enlarged office duties and the busy life attendant upon the conscientious fulfillment

of duties, have made a full year. Yet the foregoing feebly portrays all activities, for the heart life has shared so largely in many things that pen cannot record and only the Father understands.

So I trust in him that he can hold his own, and do with cheerful heart the work that God appoints.

**BUREAU OF PRESS WORK, MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
SUPERINTENDENT.**

Your Press Superintendent has been hindered from rendering service in this or any other department of the work during the past year. Realizing, however, that prayer was the only part she might share with you, she has mingled her prayers with yours that God would guide and direct and lead us into the paths that are pleasing to him.

During the quiet days it has been a joy to keep in touch with you through the Church press, and throughout the year every weekly issue of every paper save one has been read and the work of our women closely followed. This experience of my own, waiting and watching for your weekly messages, which often brought me the information and inspiration I longed for and which sometimes disappointed me by not appearing at all, has deepened my already strong conviction that this department should be the most telling factor in our work. Through it we are to pass on the facts in our possession; for, however potent, these will be of little use unless we reach the people with them.

Publicity for our work is a thing to be desired. We want to get a hold on the three-fourths of the uninterested women in our Churches. We are making strenuous efforts to this end. Our great Forward Movement has this in view; and while some labor face to face with individuals and congregations, the Press Department can reach thousands who without it might not be found at all. While we have done well, the fact remains that we have not yet brought this department to its greatest efficiency. Do we realize what we have at our command? Free of all cost, every Conference organ in our Church is open to us, and hundreds—yea, thousands—of secular papers welcome our contributions *when we give them that which is worth while.*

To-day the world is being stirred by the rapid progress, the astounding revolutions among the nations of the earth. Scarcely a day passes but some fact is given out from which the liveliest and most convincing paragraphic item could be culled. We are not shut up to uninteresting details or mechanical explanations or local personalities. We have the news of the progress of the nations in our daily dispatches, which news oftentimes seems to be the very *march of Jehovah.*

Is our Press Department grasping these facts and applying them to convict and convince and win people to the cause of missions? Are we

using as we might this great agency, the public press, which is so willing to serve us?

We do not need sermons in our columns, we do not need too much local news, we do not even need Conference news altogether; but we do need to take advantage of every inch of space with far-reaching and thrilling facts touching the great cause of missions, that every eye that reads may be compelled to think on these things. The stereotyped repetition of a fact presented in an uninteresting way may be helpful, but how much more effective when given in an attractive style! In other words, press work, missionary press work, is a science, a real science if we but realize it. We need

1. The brightest and most resourceful women as editors on all the papers.

2. We need systematic women who will enter into an engagement with the editor of the paper and fill it as surely as she would if she were a regular reporter upon some large daily paper.

3. We need women who are alert, who know the work and the field covered by their paper, who use skilled tactics, and who keep systematically and everlastingly at it. Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery says: "To know the field as a drummer knows his territory and go after the uninterested with all the skilled tactics of those who sell breakfast food and to keep everlastingly at it—these are the business secrets of reaching our whole constituency."

Recently one of our ministers read a bulletin from our Woman's Foreign Mission Department. From it he gathered so many short, pointed, and stirring facts that he used it as the basis of his next sermon. For several days thereafter persons who were in that audience were calling him over the telephone to know about certain conditions in China to which he had alluded and to know where he had secured that information. They were thoroughly interested, and many were aroused as never before as they began to see the results of years of missionary labor as put forth by the application of events of everyday history. Suppose every editor of all our departments in Churches and secular press had presented those facts as found in that one monthly *Bulletin* to the many thousands of readers of all those papers. Can we not here catch a glimpse of what we might accomplish through our Press Department if we used every opportunity afforded us?

We find that there are still three papers in the Connection in which we have no regular departments, only occasional articles by our women.

The *Midland Methodist* has been most generous in the space given, and during the past year has furnished on its own motion to the women of the three patronizing Conferences—the Memphis, Holston, and Tennessee—one entire issue each. The papers put out by the women of these Conferences were full of interesting and helpful matter,

presented in an attractive way, with the history and pictures of Conference work and workers.

One of the Conference's editors who have long borne the heat and burden of the day has laid down her pen, which had ever been used for the advancement of the Master's kingdom, and to-day she is numbered among those who "see him face to face." In the death of Mrs. R. W. Barber, of South Carolina, the Press Department suffers a distinct loss and the cause of Christ on earth loses a champion who was fearless in the discharge of her duty, kind and tender in her ministrations, and effective in all her labors of love. We mourn for her as a personal friend and pray that her loyalty and devotion may stimulate others to serve Him whom she loved.

After a year of close observation of the work done in the Church press, we come to you with the single recommendation that the Woman's Department in each Church paper be edited by *one woman only*. This is already done in the *Texas Advocate*, the *Methodist Laymen's Herald*, and the *Midland Methodist*, greatly to the convenience of all concerned.

We cannot tell you of the work of the secular press, as that has been reported to Mrs. MacDonell, to whom we are greatly indebted for help at this time.

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES, MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

The many changes in the plan of our work and in the various Conference officers caused by the union of the Foreign and Home Conferences have made this a difficult year in all lines of our work. The change in our fiscal year also cut this report short, for much of our work is done after January 1. However, we are not ashamed of our report. Many homes and hearts have been made happier and brighter because of the kind and loving help rendered by this department. But we feel sad when we know that some who needed help and expected it were disappointed in not getting their boxes. The same difficulties in getting the blanks early in the fall caused this. Though we do try to secure them, we fail. We had many new Conference Superintendents this year, and that makes it very, very difficult for the General Superintendent of the Bureau of Supplies. Get a really good one and keep her. Many have done excellent work; and if the women of the Auxiliaries would report on time and do their part, our superintendents would not become discouraged and give it up. You will see by referring to the table that North Georgia Conference leads in both the number and value of boxes sent, having sent ninety-six donations valued at \$4,007.18. North Texas follows, with sixty-two boxes valued at \$1,766.65. The St. Louis Conference sent the

greatest number of boxes to preachers, the number being twenty-six, besides seventeen responses to various other needs of the work.

May we be able to do a far better work during the new year and realize the great joy and blessing that come to those who send these comforts to God's own needy ones!

REPORT OF SUPPLIES OF CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations to Preachers.	Donations to Mission Schools, Rescue Homes, and City Mission Boards.	Donations to Conference Orphanages.	Miscellaneous Donations.	Total Number of Donations.	Value of Donations.
Alabama.....	9	15	11	10	45	\$ 1,339 34
Arkansas.....	1				1	39 00
Baltimore.....	8	12			10	178 95
Central Texas.....	5	5	4	1	15	474 00
Columbia.....						
Denver.....						
East Oklahoma.....						
Florida.....		2	8		10	305 95
German Mission.....						
Holston.....			53		53	708 67
Kentucky.....	11		5		16	563 50
Little Rock.....	4				4	461 58
Los Angeles.....						
Louisiana.....			2		2	25 00
Louisville.....	16		1		17	968 29
Memphis.....	4	3			7	270 14
Mississippi.....			5	18	23	1,401 11
Missouri.....						
Montana.....						
New Mexico.....						
North Alabama.....	8		11	8	27	709 30
North Carolina.....	8	2	25		35	951 86
North Georgia.....	15	12	69		96	4,007 18
North Mississippi.....	2		46		48	2,233 29
North Texas.....	4	33	21	4	62	1,766 65
Northwest Texas.....	4	2	3		9	398 00
Pacific.....						
South Carolina.....	3	1	16		20	710 50
South Georgia.....	7	15	8	19	49	1,478 79
Southwest Missouri.....		1			1	12 00
St. Louis.....	26	16	1		43	1,965 40
Tennessee.....	17	10			27	1,035 55
Texas.....	1	19	27	1	48	1,741 35
Virginia.....	21		32		43	1,688 65
West Oklahoma.....	4				4	241 50
West Texas.....	4	35	7		46	744 73
Western North Carolina.....	5	6	12	7	30	807 60
Western Virginia.....	5				5	127 70
White River.....						
Total.....	192	179	357	68	796	\$27,246 5

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

The recurrence of the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council brings the responsibility of presenting another report of the institution with the management of which we have been entrusted, and we are happy to record that despite the heat and drought of last

summer and the unusually severe winter the Scarritt Bible and Training School has enjoyed a year of progress and prosperity.

The twenty-first annual meeting was held March 21, 1912, at which time the Principal and other officers present their annual reports. We herewith present an abstract of the Principal's report.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

At the close of the twentieth year of service in this institution an outburst of praise from the Psalmist seems to express most fitly the feelings awakened by a review of the work of the year: "For thou, Jehovah, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands." A clearer sense of the abiding presence of God has made difficulties lose their power to depress, while a deeper realization that the work done here is for him has brought rest and peace.

By order of the Board of Missions the fiscal year in the Church closes December 31, and in compliance with that regulation the reports of the Training School end on that date, so that they represent only ten months this year.

My last report was presented at the twentieth annual meeting, March 23, 1911; and the session came to a successful close May 16, 1911, when the largest class in the history of the school, thirty-four in number, was graduated. Sixteen representatives from the school made application to the Foreign Department and twelve to the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, and are now laboring in China, Korea, Brazil, and Mexico as well as in many sections in the United States, while the remainder continued their preparation for service. Their letters show their joy in service and quiet trust in God even in those countries which are in the throes of revolution.

The faculty did splendid service during vacation. Beginning before the school session ended, Miss Howell made four addresses on "Training in Relation to Evangelism," and held noonday services for business women at the Georgia Conference on evangelism held in Atlanta, Ga., in March, 1911. Miss Howell also was an instructor in the School of Missions in Denton, Tex., in June, her theme being "Social Service," and in July she gave to the Epworth League Conference at Pertle Springs, Mo., studies in the fundamental principles of Christian living and conducted group meetings gathered daily for spiritual counsel.

Mrs. Hargrove spent seventeen days at Epworth-by-the-Sea, at Corpus Christi, Tex., teaching the Bible daily to a class numbering between three and four hundred during the Epworth League Encampment, where she taught "The Parables of Jesus." During the Sunday School Convention at Corpus Christi her subject was "Studies in Noble Womanhood" and two supplemental "Studies in Noble Manhood."

Miss Gay, teacher of religious pedagogy, conducted a class in normal methods at the Young Women's Christian Association Conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., in August.

The visits of these consecrated, able women to those large gatherings were fruitful and blessed both to those who were under their instruction and to the school.

Session of 1911-12.

The twentieth annual session opened September 7, 1911. Ninety-three students have been enrolled. Thirteen of these were from Kansas City. The student body represented twenty-five Conferences from eighteen States. Students were also enrolled from Mexico and Korea. Rev. C. R. Cresap, of St. Joseph, Mo., gave the opening address, while Rev. J. F. Caskey, of Kansas City, gave the Bible lesson. The occasion was honored by the presence of Bishop E. R. Hendrix, the presiding elder, and seven ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Kansas City, and the opening was auspicious.

Department Work.

It is said that our best desires are the index and measure of our possibilities. This will account for the progress of every department, as each teacher has a high ideal for her own branch of instruction and a devotion to the interests and welfare of the institution. There have been no changes in the curriculum this year, but the work in every department has been thorough and practical. The change in domestic science teachers took place last August, the Executive Committee having selected Miss Caroline E. Martin, a graduate of Pratt Institute, recommended as a teacher of ability and experience. Miss Martin has financed her department well and combined skill with a strong love for her work.

The Department of Domestic Science and Arts has had advanced work this year in cookery and millinery and dressmaking. The exhibit of millinery at the close of the fall term was very creditable to the teacher, Miss Martha Rouse, and to the students. The exhibit in advanced cookery is at the close of every lesson, when the faculty is invited to act as judges of the delicacies proffered by the fair cooks under instruction of Miss Caroline Martin.

Report of Field Work, 1911-12.

Number of students under supervision.....	68
Number of institutions in which weekly work is done (including Institutional Church, Y. W. C. A., Industrial Home, Children's Home, jail, workhouse, Helping Hand, 12 Churches, city hospital)	9
Number of Churches in which weekly work is done.....	13
Number of different kinds of work carried on (supper classes, sewing school, evangelistic meetings, mission study, Bible talks, Sunday school, cottage prayer meetings, district visiting, special visiting, kitchen garden, sewing, cooking, mothers' meetings)	15

Number of people (average) under instruction each week.....	1,468
Number of visits and calls made	8,051
Number of street conversations	137
Number of prayers and Bible-readings in the homes	115
Number secured for Sunday school	189
Number of baskets of food and fruit given	22
Number of Testaments given or sold	103
Number of pieces of literature distributed	454

Literature.

There have been few publications this year. In addition to the monthly contribution published in the *Missionary Voice*, the official organ of the Board of Missions, many articles have been written for Church papers, for Conference societies, and for missionary workers. The correspondence of the year has been heavy.

The Six Weeks' Course.

This course, planned last year for women in the Church who could not enroll for the year, will remain as a permanent feature. The inspection of social agencies in a great city is in itself worth the cost of the course to women in small places who are students of social service and who wish to carry to the missionary auxiliary in their Churches a broader view of social conditions, needs, and remedial agencies. Students who entered this year remained longer than six weeks, and all who enroll may enjoy that privilege.

Advantages for Students.

The inspection of social agencies is part of the course for home mission students, and its benefits are incalculable as preparation for their future work.

The Child Welfare Exhibit and the State Conference of Charities and Corrections held in Kansas City in November, 1911, brought information and inspiration to the student body. The classes in sociology under the guidance of Miss Howell made a careful study of the Exhibit, which resulted in much profit. The students who are lovers of good music have had fine opportunities to enjoy concerts and organ recitals by distinguished artists, while lectures on subjects of world-wide interest afforded enjoyment and instruction to those who were privileged to attend.

Not least among the advantages is contact with men and women who have won distinction by their service to the Church or for the welfare of the State. Among those who have brought a strong message are Miss Elinor Stafford Millar, evangelist from Australia; Dr. T. A. Riley, Professor of Sociology in Washington University and Director of the School of Social Economics, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Mangold, author of "Child Problems;" Professor Green, Superintendent of

the Missouri School for the Blind; Miss Charlotte De Forest, missionary to Japan under the Woman's Board of the Interior; Miss Helen Lee Richardson, missionary under the Woman's Missionary Council in Shanghai, China; Miss Eliza Perkinson, Petropolis, Brazil, missionary of the Woman's Missionary Council; Mr. Fennell P. Turner, Secretary Student Volunteer Movement; Miss Marjorie Melcher, Student Secretary, and Miss Belle H. Bennett, President Woman's Missionary Council, the projector and promoter of the institution.

Valued Contributions.

Although the report of the Financial Secretary gives credit for all gifts received, yet some deserve mention here.

"A Friend" with a gift of \$1,000 in November and the promise of \$4,000 additional in February rightly heads the list. That gift, sent in response to an appeal from the Principal and a statement of urgent need, was applied to meet indebtedness incurred by the excessive prices for food supplies, and brought great relief.

The Personal Workers' Library, named in honor of the Principal at the first session of the Woman's Missionary Council, has been of great service.

Mr. John R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. George Gaulbert, of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Sam P. Jones, of Cartersville, Ga., Mr. H. M. Winslow, of Harriman, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, of Winchester, Ky., were also liberal givers. The class of 1911 refurnished the Reception Room and added to the beauty of the Hoagland Drawing-Room with pictures and artistic draperies. Both rooms are an enduring evidence of the taste and liberality of the givers. Other friends have remembered the needs of the school by money and gifts, and these are all held in grateful remembrance.

Added to these, there are gifts of service that cannot be estimated in monetary value. Such a gift was that made by Dr. John D. Trawick, Louisville, Ky., who came to Kansas City to act jointly with Dr. J. A. Robertson as Medical Examiner for the Woman's Missionary Council and spent two days in careful investigation of the physical condition of the missionary candidates.

In addition to his work as Medical Examiner, Dr. J. A. Robertson has freely given his professional services to all students and members of the household. Dr. Hugh Miller, oculist, has made examinations of deaconesses and missionary candidates for the Woman's Missionary Council, and lectures in the course of Elementary Medicine have been given by eleven busy physicians during the school term. It is worthy of note to state that Dr. Avis Smith, the only woman physician on the staff, has lectured every year since the school opened in 1892, and others have given service for many years.

Endowment.

In accordance with the action of the Woman's Missionary Council indorsing the recommendation of the President to increase the endowment by assessing each auxiliary \$2, the sum of \$2,938.74 was received from thirty-eight Conferences. This was a material help, and the amount would have been much larger if the auxiliaries could have been notified at once that the assessment had been made.

The need for an enlarged endowment is very apparent.

The Advance Club, which was inaugurated at the last meeting of the Board of Managers, has succeeded moderately well, netting \$420.50. Had it been possible to devote more time to its advancement, the receipts would have been greater. The membership list represents many small subscriptions and therefore more wide-spread interest than the figures indicate. It is hoped that the returns will be greater this year.

Correspondence has revealed the fact that there is an increasing interest in the endowment. Several Conferences have taken steps looking toward lectureships. Inquiries concerning "Annuity Funds" lead to the belief that this means of enlarging the endowment is becoming popular. This is one of the best investments that people of small means can make, insuring a regular income during life. The Training School receives no benefit from the annuity fund until after the death of the person to whom the annuity is paid.

Commencement.

The nineteenth annual commencement will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at eight o'clock.

Twenty-three young ladies, after having completed the full two years' course, will receive diplomas, as follows: Miss Martha C. Allis, Little Rock, Ark.; Miss Lillie M. Black, Blossom, Tex.; Miss Lela M. Bliler, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Ruth Diefendorf, Otterville, Mo.; Miss Clara Doud, Oakland, Cal.; Miss Manelle Forster, Macon, Ga.; Miss Aletha Graham, Shellmound, Tenn.; Miss Etta Heflin, San Diego, Cal.; Miss Lucy Henderson, Roberta, Ga.; Miss Flora Herndon, Elberton, Ga.; Miss Eliza Iles, Dry Creek, La.; Miss Grace Jackson, Winchester, Va.; Miss Veta Jones, Petaluma, Cal.; Miss Kate Kell, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Lillye Matthews, Conway, Ark.; Miss Sallie Miller, St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Carrie Minor, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Bessie Oliver, Unadilla, Ga.; Miss Sarah Regan, Sparks, Ga.; Miss Laura Summers, Barnesville, Ga.; Miss Louis Tinsley, Americus, Ga.; Miss Bessie Lee Wilson, College Grove, Tenn.; Miss Nellie Wynn, Egan, Tex.

Rev. J. W. Lee, pastor of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, St. Louis, Mo., a man of wide reputation as an author and preacher, will deliver the annual address to graduates. Rev. James C. Morris, D.D., will preach the commencement sermon at Melrose Church on Sunday, May 12, at 11 A.M.

Fifteen of these young women have been "passed" by the medical examiners, and have made application to serve under the Woman's Missionary Council. Eight desire consecration to the office of deaconess, and seven desire appointment to the foreign field. Besides these graduates, two of this year's students, Misses Mercedes Fernandez, Saltillo, Mexico, and Saturnina Silva, Matamoros, Mexico, after studying the Bible and a few other branches, will return to Mexico to teach in some of our mission schools. Mrs. Melissa Kim, Seoul, Korea, who has pursued similar studies, hopes to go as an evangelist worker to her own people. These young women have done good work; and while their limited knowledge of the English language would hinder the completion of the course, yet they have gained much knowledge which they may impart to students in their own country.

The record of the year brings gratitude, and the outlook is bright with hope.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. GIBSON, *Principal*.

The reports of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved. The accurate and faithful work of Miss Billingsley was highly commended by the President, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, who spoke also of the far-reaching influence of her instruction as evidenced in the careful handling of funds and accurate keeping of accounts in the field by missionaries who had been her students.

The question of lighting the building by electricity as well as the absolute need for better light was discussed. The merits of acetylene gas and electricity received attention. The lower price for the introduction and maintenance of the gas was advanced as an argument in its favor, but the subject was finally referred to a committee of three—Mr. J. S. Chick, Mrs. R. L. Hawkins, and Rev. C. W. Moore. The estimate of lighting by electricity, including fixtures, is about \$2,500. Two contributions of \$100 each were made by the President in the name of "A Friend to the School" and by the Treasurer.

The exterior of the building is in need of paint to preserve the wood and metal. It has been painted once since the opening in 1892.

We recommend the reelection of the Managers whose term of office expires in 1912—viz., Mr. J. S. Chick, Rev. C. W. Moore, and Mrs. Emma Edwards. The officers were reelected.

A letter was read from Miss Belle H. Bennett, Vice President of the Board of Managers, to Bishop E. R. Hendrix, President, relative to the use of the Students' Loan Fund and Service Scholarships. After discussion, Mr. J. S. Chick moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School that when, in the judgment of the Principal, it is practicable and the demand on the Students' Loan Fund is great enough to justify it, the Senior students be encouraged to make use of the Students' Loan Fund for the expenses of the Senior year.

Bishop Hendrix, Rev. C. W. Moore, and others bore testimony to the great value of the Scarritt Bible and Training School to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The \$2 assessments was commended; but no action was taken asking for assessment or appropriation, as we have had such abundant evidence of the loyalty of the women composing this body that we leave to you the supply of the needs presented, which are better lights, fund for repairs, increased enrollment of students. An increased endowment through annuity funds, lectureships, and chairs will secure adequate equipment and progress commensurate with the greatness of the purpose and plan of the institution.

In behalf of the Board.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Secretary*.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Endowment Receipts from March 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912.

	Home.	Foreign.	Undirected.
Alabama Conference	\$ 27 67	\$ 52 25	....
Arkansas Conference	52 30	26 20	....
Baltimore Conference	37 45	8 00	....
Central Texas Conference	84 05	86 75	....
Denver Conference	15 65	.....	....
Florida Conference	62 25	39 95	....
German Missions	2 00	.....	....
Holston Conference	48 00	30 05	....
Kentucky Conference	32 75	51 55	....
Little Rock Conference	49 25	25 80	....
Los Angeles Conference	32 00	7 00	\$ 2 00
Louisiana Conference	42 75	21 80	....
Louisville Conference	29 20	88 75	....
Memphis Conference	34 05	71 90	....
Mississippi Conference	66 30	43 40	2 00
Missouri Conference	2 00	.....	....
New Mexico Conference	8 00	3 65	....
North Alabama Conference	43 00	43 13	4 00
North Carolina Conference	82 20	56 25	....
North Georgia Conference	46 60	65 89	....
North Mississippi Conference	43 70	25 00	....
North Texas Conference	60 40	59 40	2 00
Northwest Texas Conference	33 50	.....	....
Pacific Conference	12 70	14 00	....
St. Louis Conference	33 35	21 80	....
South Carolina Conference.....	44 00	110 71	6 50
South Georgia Conference	55 05	169 85	....
Southwest Missouri Conference....	51 55	76 05	....
Tennessee Conference	47 55	71 40	....
Texas Conference	61 90	41 15	....

	Home.	Foreign.	Undirected.
Virginia Conference	36 10	27 50	....
West Texas Conference	98 43	59 15	....
Oklahoma Conference	4 00	....	....
East Oklahoma Conference	10 00	....	....
Western North Carolina Conference.	29 16	53 60	....
Western Virginia Conference.....	2 00	22 00	....
White River Conference	8 00	13 45	....
Columbia Conference	6 00	....	....
Totals	\$1,434 86	\$1,487 38	\$16 50

*Summary of Conference Receipts, Loans, and Interest from March 1,
1911, to January 1, 1912.*

For endowments:

Home Department	\$1,434 86
Foreign Department	1,487 38
Undirected	16 50—\$2,938 74

For endowed scholarships:

Sam Jones, Kentucky Conference.....	\$250 00
S. Myra Smith, N. Miss. Conference....	500 00
Helen Finlay, North Miss. Conference..	161 06
E. J. Robinson, N. Texas Conference...	500 00
Marcia Marvin, South Ga. Conference..	39 50
Tennessee, Tennessee Conference.....	160 45— 1,611 01—\$4,549 75

For Conference rooms:

Sue Bennett room	\$50 00
Lambuth	10 00
Mississippi	5 00
M. M. Smith	11 75
Domestic Science	16 00
Western	14 00
Virginia	5 00
Florence Malone	10 00— 121 75

For libraries:

Cleora Murphy Library	\$ 13 05
Sociology	100 00
S. H. Babcock	130 00— 243 05

For household expense, Virginia Confer-
ence

13 58

For repairs, S. W. Missouri Conference...

10 00— 388 38

Refunds on loans to students.....

\$940 26

Interest on loans to students.....

106 01— 1,046 27

J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for new loans....

1,205 00— 2,251 27

Total

\$7,189 40

Disbursements.

To J. S. Chick, Treasurer:

For endowment	\$2,938 74	
For scholarships	1,611 01—	\$4,549 75
Refunds to Students' Loan Fund.....	\$940 26	
Interest due on Students' Load Fund...	106 01— 1,046 27—	\$5,596 02
Loans to students during year.....		1,205 00
Transferred to school accounts for rooms, libraries, etc.....		388 38
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Total January 1, 1912		\$7,189 40

School Accounts from March 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912.

March 1, 1911, balance brought forward.....	\$ 550 98
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Receipts.

Book account	\$ 695 54	
Board account	917 90	
Office expense account	52 19	
Household expense, including gifts	310 69	
Furniture, fixtures, including gifts	538 77	
General expense	5 00	
Incidental fees	82 50	
Students' car fare, Church refunds.....	111 80	
Repair account, including gifts	199 00	
S. H. Babcock Library	135 00	
J. B. Barnum Library	2 35	
Student Volunteer Library	15 74	
Cleora Murphy Library	13 05	
Sociology Library	100 00	
M. L. Gibson, W. M. C. Library.....	100 50	
Domestic Science kitchen	16 00	
Sociology Outline Fund	24 00	
Infirmary	97 26	
A friend, special donation	1,000 00	
Advance Club	420 50	
Alumnæ scholarship	110 65	
Miriam Steele, balance	103 69	
Lula Hale, personal	100 00	
Laura Proctor	40 00	
Self-paying pupils	2,528 80	
J. C. Chick, Treasurer, endowed scholarships.....	1,155 00	
Foreign Department scholarships	1,341 83	
Home Department scholarships; travel to St. Louis	2,140 00	
Private and League scholarships.....	1,134 20—	13,391 96
Total		\$13,942 94

Disbursements.

Book accounts	\$ 463 34
Fuel (\$573.43) and Light (\$275.52)	848 95
Office expense	627 39
Household expense	9,589 42
Furniture and fixtures	500 86
General expense	30 60
Water supply	106 15
Students' car fare	230 15
Repair account	465 41
S. H. Babcock Library	136 57
J. B. Barnum Library	24 37
Student Volunteer Library	13 20
Cleora Murphy Library	24 85
Sociology Library	100 00
M. L. Gibson Library	46 24
Domestic Science kitchen	19 10
Sociology Outline Fund	6 95
Infirmary	177 61
Domestic Arts	14 92
Advance Club	25 00
W. H. M. Society, travel to St. Louis	170 00
Refund to Oklahoma Conference School	45 00
Refund to Lula Hale	37 00
Refund to Laura Proctor	20 00

\$13,723 08

January 1, 1912, balance on hand..... 219 86—\$13,942 94

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ENDOWMENT AND LOAN ACCOUNTS DURING THE YEAR.

Receipts.

March 1, 1911, balance forward.....	\$ 550 98
Total for school	\$13,391 96
Total for endowment	2,938 74
Total endowed scholarships.....	1,611 01
Total account loans and interest....	2,251 27— 20,192 98—\$20,743 96

Disbursements.

Total for school.....	\$13,723 08
Total for endowment	4,549 75
Total refunds and interest to Loan Fund	1,046 27
New loans to students	1,205 00—\$20,524 10
January 1, 1912, balance on hand	219 86—\$20,743 96

MEMORANDA, JANUARY 1, 1912.

The following is a list of special donations included in above receipts, and credited as directed to furniture and fixtures, household expense, repairs, and three private scholarships:

Mrs. H. R. Pepper	\$ 290 00
Mrs. George Gaulbert	500 00
W. P. Lexington, Mo.	9 26
Miss E. Keeley	20 00
Mr. Winslow, per Miss Jenn Coltrane.....	100 00
Mrs. Ridley	25 00
Student Volunteer Band	18 45
Mrs. Sam P. Jones	150 00
A friend	25 00
Miss E. Cox	5 00
Mrs. A. J. Walker	1 20
Miss C. E. Martin	17 47
Y. P. Centenary, St. Louis.....	26 80
Miss Alma Jones	20 00
Mrs. J. L. Holland.....	10 00
Mrs. H. S. Owen.....	5 40
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Total	\$1,223 58

STATEMENT OF LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Students' Loan Fund.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	\$2,500 00
Woman's Foreign Mission Society.....	2,159 31
(Balance due, \$340.69.)	
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April 1, 1906, original amount.....	\$4,659 31
January 1, 1912, interest added to date.....	780 83—\$5,440 14
Amount now at interest among students.....	\$3,375 31
Amount now in J. S. Chick's hands.....	2,064 83— 5,440 14
At this writing:	
Productive endowment turned over to J. S. Chick,	
Treasurer	\$ 62,436 35
Scholarship endowment turned over to J. S. Chick,	
Treasurer	50,752 70
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Total	\$113,189 05
Respectfully submitted.	ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, <i>Secretary.</i>

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

MABEL K. HOWELL.

In May of this school session I close my ninth year as teacher of sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. It does not seem possible that about a decade has passed since I began my work under the Woman's Board of Home Missions. From the standpoint of what I *want* to see accomplished I feel that little has been done; but again, when I think of the place the study of sociology now has in the school, of the courses developed, of the training center organized, of the library started, of the Home Mission Band organized and their room furnished, of the students sent out, I feel we have every reason to be encouraged.

Along with the development of sociological interest in the school itself has come the development of Kansas City as a social service center. One of the most valuable assets to the department is the social service atmosphere of the city in which it is located, the very air of which is freighted with the spirit of *service*. Kansas City, with its wide-awake Board of Public Welfare, its active Social Workers' Conference, its Juvenile Court and probation system for adults as well as children, its Boys' Parental School on cottage plan, its boys' and girls' hotels, its active interest in the welfare of working girls, its provision for pensioning widows, its free Legal Aid Bureau, its Pure Milk Commission, its active Consumers' League, its organized playgrounds, its well-housed settlements, its medical inspection in schools, its wider use of school plants for community betterment, its moving-picture censorship, its city control of all dance halls, its warfare against the social evil, and its splendidly enforced desertion law, is an inspiration, and affords a constant tangible object lesson to the student of how the forces of a city should be organized for the greatest social service.

In addition to the course in "Social Problems and Their Solution," emphasizing especially the family and industrial groups of the problems, the course on "Scientific Philanthropy," which treats of the latest approved methods of caring for dependent, defective, and delinquent classes, and the course in the "Church and Social Service," which outlines the social awakening of the Church and her social activities," each deaconess candidate also takes a course in "Inspection of Social Agencies" of the city, and by actual visits to the institutions and lectures from superintendents learns what part each has in meeting the city's social needs. Thus the students see the best methods in actual operation.

This year the student body had an especially great privilege in attending the third Child Welfare Exhibit that has ever been held in the United States. They also had the benefit of attending the State Conference of Charities and Corrections. Besides others, they had

the special privilege of hearing the Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, the Secretary of the National Playground Association, and Mrs. Florence Kelly.

The practice or field work of the deaconess candidates has been carried on in eight different institutions of the city—the Institutional Church, where experience has been gained in teaching domestic science and arts and kitchen garden and in conducting girls' and mothers' clubs and in doing district and special visiting in homes; the Y. W. C. A., where invaluable experience has been gained in the conduct of working girls' clubs; the Helping Hand, Girls' Industrial Home; workhouse and jail, where experience has been gained in making evangelistic talks; Loose-Wiles Candy Factory, where two Bible classes and one mission study class have been conducted at the noon hour; the Orphans' Home, where Bible-teaching and story-telling have been stressed. The actual conduct and the supervision of these various lines of work in these different institutions have been invaluable as a means of developing the students.

Among the social leaders who have addressed the body are Dr. Mangold, author of "Child Problems;" Dr. Charles Ellwood, author of "Sociology and Modern Social Problems;" and Dr. Riley, President of St. Louis School of Social Economy.

The gift of \$100 from the Southwest Missouri Conference to the Sociological Library has made possible a substantial increase in books of reference.

The foreign missionary candidates take in the Junior year the same course as the home mission candidates, but in the Senior year a special course is afforded them which covers the study of social conditions in non-Christian lands and the social results of Christian missions—two courses that were especially urged by the Edinburgh Missionary Conference.

Among the plans toward which we are working for the future are:

1. Provision so that students desiring training for social work outside of the Church may take their training at the Training School under religious influences.
2. Development of department of research.
3. New courses along the line of sanitation.
4. Separate training center in city under the supervision and control of the Department of Sociology.
5. More specialized training for each worker.

The eight deaconesses who this year apply for work, having taken the full training the department offers, will be the best test of the efficiency of the work. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE.**METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL.****ESTELLE HASKIN, DIRECTOR.**

This scholastic year will close the sixth of our service in the Methodist Training School and the third as the direct representative of the Woman's Home Mission work. During these years there have been presented to this department twenty-one deaconesses, or twenty-five per cent of the entire number in the field. Two of this number are nurse deaconesses. Added to the twenty-one deaconesses already presented for consecration, there have been nine city missionaries, six kindergartners, and one secretary to the colored work. Eight have been presented to the Foreign Department for appointment, making a total number to the Woman's Department of forty-five for the first six years of pioneer work in the school.

As in the preceding years, this one just closing has been filled with the regular routine duties of classroom instruction in practical methods, the appointment of the students to fields of work, the criticism of separate individual programs and lesson outlines, and the planning, supervision, and the criticism of all work done in the field. In other words, the Director of the Religious and Social Service Department of the Training School is to the school what the critic teacher is to the normal school. She seeks to teach the student to put into practice that which is learned in the classroom, so that the student need not be an experiment when appointed to work. In every possible way the resources, the ability, and the leadership of each individual student is tested under the personal guidance and criticism of the Director.

As formerly, there has been required of each Junior in the school the work of assisting a Senior in some religious or industrial feature and also the work of the friendly visitor and social observer for one city block during the entire year. In this block system there has been required the card tabulation of each family by names and by street, also a written paper on the civic, social, educational, religious, and industrial conditions of the assigned block and the immediate community. In addition to this, the student has been required to select one family in the block and give a written report of observations of this family concerning the business life and habits, religious, education, household management, amusements, and family relationship. These cards and reports are to be left on file for the use of the future students, who will in turn make note of changes which may take place in the block or family tabulated.

During the past months we have had a most delightful relationship with Dr. French, the pastor of McKendree Church, in the work of this important down-town district. A careful canvass is being made of the territory with reference to the life of its young womanhood. Two of our Seniors have spent the time of their required work in the

boarding houses, coming in touch with the young women and the boarding-house keepers, learning the social life, the wages, and all conditions of living. As a result a list of reputable, comfortable, and safe boarding houses is being made for the pastor, who has written to the pastors of surrounding towns asking that they send to him all names of young women coming from them to Nashville. The work is also being done in coöperation with a large Bible class for young women. A committee from this class follows the work of the students, getting into the Church and Sunday school Methodist working girls and non-Church attendants. When the canvass is finished, we expect to know definitely the number of young women in the entire boarding house community, the needs of these young women from a physical and economic point of view as well as the religious and social life. In the canvass made thus far these are some of the facts: Seventy boarding houses have been investigated, and only twelve of these have any reception room and only one-third of the young women in these boarding houses attend any church. The average wages of these young women is \$6 per week, and the average board paid \$4 per week, making an average margin of wages over and above board and room of \$2 per week.

We have tried as best we could under the heavy handicap of lack of funds, room, and equipment to perpetuate the colored work of the department. We have conducted a Sunday school in an ill-lighted basement; have given practical talks to the mothers; and have helped the little struggling church in which we are working in as many ways as possible. We are praying for a colored settlement in Nashville that we may help in some real way in the problems of community betterment.

The work of our school settlement in the Warioto Cotton Mills district has prospered, a large amount of work having been done entirely by our student body. While there has been no large increase in the equipment or the amount of work done, yet we believe the life of the people has advanced in many ways. The mothers and the children in the Sunday school, poor though they be, are learning the real spirit of helpfulness through their gifts at Christmas time, at Thanksgiving and Easter—on Thanksgiving gifts for a first Christmas tree for some children in China and at Christmas and Easter gifts taken in person to the sick in a charity hospital where many of their number go for treatment. In the interval between these occasions the Spirit has been fostered by the classes singing carols to the sick and carrying gifts of flowers to the sick and bereaved.

Not only has every effort been made to instill the spirit of giving and of personal helpfulness, but also to educate in the questions of civic responsibility. There is a committee of women who coöperate with some of the leading club women of the city in reporting bad sanitation and dangerous health conditions.

We are working on the principle that we need not only better laws, but also a better citizenship that will demand the enforcement of laws.

To close, we mention a new feature of the work of the department this year—the preparation of the Junior League Devotional Topics for the first and second quarters of 1912. This was done by members of the Senior class in methods, and secured for them valuable experience in practical Church methods and at the same time gave opportunity of service to the Church at large.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CITY MISSIONS AND DEACONESSSES.

REPORT No. 1.

The ten months covered in this report have marked growth and solid foundation in our city work. During the year 77 trained, 107 salaried workers, and 394 volunteers have been employed in the deaconess and city mission work. Eight day nurseries cared for 404 babies, 14 kindergartens enrolled 649 children; 48 industrial schools, 2,331 students; 14 night schools, 821 students; 51 boys' clubs enrolled 850 boys; 18 free reading rooms had 2,056 persons attending; 37 girls' clubs enrolled 519 girls; 12 young women's clubs had 407 members; 19 mothers' clubs enrolled 670 members; 13 dispensaries cared for 5,280 patients; 48,746 visits were made, and 30,979 received by deaconesses and missionaries. The entire cost of the work was \$46,857.33.

There have been 22 deaconess candidates in training, at a cost to the Council of \$3,160.

In December the first Conference for deaconesses and other trained workers convened in Nashville, Tenn. There were thirty-one deaconesses present and five missionaries. We could not forget that in 1901 we had only three trained workers, and to see a body of intelligent, consecrated women meet in Conference over the work which had been organized through the Woman's Home Mission Department was indeed a joy. It does not take long for a real, vital issue to gather force and to create a momentum of its own.

The following changes in appointments brought about by local conditions have been made:

Alameda, Cal., found itself unable to support a work before the deaconess reached the appointment; Dalton, Ga., after waiting for three months for the coming of the deaconess, had a change of pastors and presiding elder, and found it convenient to postpone opening work. Miss Fuess, the appointee, was changed to Springfield, Mo. Greensboro, N. C., when it was found that Alameda could not provide for the deaconess, begged that Miss Rogers might remain. This led to the

appointment of Miss Grizzard to Dallas, Tex., Wesley House. Miss Epps, the appointee to Union City, which was not ready for a worker, was transferred to Greenwood; and Miss Womack, who was the appointee to Greenwood, was changed to Meridian, Miss.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes has been accepted as a missionary of this department during the year, and appointed to Albany, Ga. Miss Annie Mutch, who had been left without appointment in order to recuperate, was appointed in the fall to the Institutional Church, Kansas City. Miss Mary E. Smith was appointed to St. John's Church, St. Louis, in December.

The following deaconesses have been unable to meet their appointments for various reasons: Miss Addie Mitchell, for personal reasons, returned her certificate in September. Miss Mattie Wright and Miss Alice Himes were unable to meet their appointments for family reasons. Both of these deaconesses ask the privilege of renewal of certificates and wearing the uniform. Their absence from the active force is only temporary. Mrs. Catlin retired on account of health. Miss Hettie Phillips, on account of the continued ill health of her sister, has withdrawn.

Misses Marion Blanchard, Nannie Cunningham, Lucy Epps, and Mattie Dickens, missionaries, retire from the work this year after having rendered faithful service.

REPORT No. 2.

We recommend the following women for consecration to the work and office of deaconess and for appointment under the Woman's Missionary Council: Miss Lillie Black, Miss Ellen Cloud, Miss Mattie Cunningham, Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Miss Etta Hefin, Miss Aletha Graham, Miss Eliza Iles, Miss Kate Kell, Miss Sallie Regan, Miss Lois Tinsley, and Miss Nellie Wynn.

The following are also recommended for appointment as missionaries and kindergartners: Miss Florie Ellison, Miss Helen Burr, Miss Hazel Scott Cooper, Miss Ann Koch, Miss Willie Terrell, Miss Effie Pate, and Miss Ruth Diefendorf.

REPORT No. 3.

We recommend the following names for renewal of certificate and re-appointment: Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Cora Borchers, Miss Rosa Breeden, Miss Emma Burton, Miss Ella Bowden, Miss Elizabeth Cox, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Jennie Ducker, Miss Florida Dewar, Miss Martha Dupree, Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Miss Daisy Duncan, Miss Mary Daniels, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Mary Franklin, Miss Connie Fagan, Miss Edith Fuess, Miss Ellen Gainey, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Cornelia Godbey, Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Miss Grace Heminway, Miss Willena Henry, Miss Nanette Hudson, Miss Laura Harris, Mrs. Alameda Hewitt, Miss Ida Hockmeyer, Miss Mary

Hanscom, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Susie Bell Jeter, Miss Alice Jones, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Ethelyn Knapp, Miss Myrtle Long, Miss Edith Leighty, Miss Frances Mann, Miss Maybelle Marshall, Miss Annie Mutch, Miss Selina Monohan, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Constance Palmore, Miss Adeline Peeples, Miss Adele Patillo, Miss Mamye Reams, Miss Nell Rogers, Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Zaida Royalty, Miss Myrtle Rhudy, Miss Frances Scott, Miss Mae Shelton, Miss Ida Stevens, Miss Mary E. Smith, Miss Carolyn Smith, Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Hattye Sellars, Miss Alice Scheider, Miss Eunice Segars, Miss Bertha Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Annie Trawick, Miss Evie Waddell, Miss De Etta Whitwell, Miss Mary Wood, Miss Mollie Womack, Miss Stella Womack, and Miss Mattie Wright.

We also recommend the reappointment of the following missionaries: Miss Bessie Allen, Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Miss Annie Bass, Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Dollie Crim, Miss Eva Dorton, Miss Lillie Fox, Miss Josephine Guffin, Miss Janette Haskin, Miss Sue Herrick, Miss Dora Hoover, Miss Mittie Hamby, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Sarah Lowder, Mrs. L. Meekin, Miss Susie Mitchell, Miss Martha Norburn, Miss Roberta Stubbs, Miss Ellen Vaughn, Miss Kathron Wilson, Mrs. F. M. Knowles, and Mrs. M. L. Stone.

REPORT NO. 4.

1. Inasmuch as the mission work of the Woman's Missionary Council is such that it requires maturity and judgment to carry on this work, we recommend that the minimum age of any home missionary candidate desiring appointment shall be the same as that of the deaconess—namely, twenty-three years.

2. In order that the work and the workers may be safeguarded from any undue criticism, we recommend that individual workers shall not introduce any form of social amusement which has not first been indorsed by the City Board in charge of the work.

REPORT NO. 5.

We recommend the following in response to the memorial from the Workers' Conference:

I. Course of Study.

That a committee of four be appointed to prepare a course of study for deaconesses and missionaries on the field, this committee to be Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Estelle Haskin, and Miss Helen Gibson. We recommend that the committee be instructed to prepare a course for the year 1912 by the early summer and for 1913 by the next session of the Council.

2. A Workers' Association.

We indorse the formation of a Workers' Association and recommend that the details of organization be left to the association itself.

3. Bulletins and Leaflets.

We recommend that the deaconesses and missionaries be furnished with the bulletins and leaflets from each department as they are issued from the press.

4. On Uniform.

1. We recommend concurrence with amendment so that the paragraph read: "The deaconess uniform shall consist of a plain or tucked shirt waist, a plain tailored coat and skirt, plain hemstitched collars and cuffs, the regulation bonnet, and silk ties. The uniform may be made of either plain black goods (not striped or checked or dotted) or of plain white wash goods."

2. We recommend that each deaconess be asked to adhere strictly to the prescribed uniform.

3. Inasmuch as special uniforms for social occasions have been provided, we recommend nonconcurrence in the request that the deaconess shall not be required to wear the uniform at social functions where she in no wise represents her work.

4. We recommend concurrence with memorial concerning the wearing of the uniform on rest days being optional, with the amendment "except on the street."

5. On Financial Adjustment.

We recommend the following financial adjustment:

1. A deaconess shall receive a monthly stipend of \$15 in addition to her living expenses, these living expenses to include separate room, board, laundry, and car fare.

2. A deaconess not living in an institution should be allowed to handle the money necessary for her living expenses.

3. A City Board or Church employing a deaconess is required to pay her traveling expenses from the place from which she comes to them. The traveling expenses of a new workers just from the Training School shall be paid from her home to the place of appointment.

4. Every deaconess shall be allowed a month's vacation, during which time she shall receive her stipend from the Board or Church employing her. An additional sum of \$25 shall be paid each deaconess for vacation money.

5. The city missionary receives a salary, the amount and terms of which are determined by the Board employing her.

6. On Increase of Stipend.

Inasmuch as the City Boards have already sent in their report for the coming year, no change can be made for the present year. Therefore we recommend that the Secretary of the Home Department take up the matter of financial plan with the City Boards or other agencies employing deaconesses and also with the deaconesses themselves and report results at the midyear meeting.

7. Consecration Service for Missionaries.

Concerning the consecration of missionaries we recommend non-concurrence.

8. Time and Place for Sessions of the Workers' Association.

While we appreciate the desire of the Workers' Association to hold its sessions in conjunction with the Woman's Missionary Council, yet because of the difficulty of obtaining entertainment and because it would be impossible to give the conference the prominence it should have, we recommend nonconcurrence, but recommend instead that arrangements be made for a summer conference at some suitable place.

REPORT No 6.

Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, has need of a standard constitution for the use of city mission boards, we, the Standing Committee on Deaconesses and City Missions, recommend the following constitution and by-laws:

Constitution.

I. COMPOSITION.

1. In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries exist, whether in one or several Churches, they shall unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board. The auxiliaries of a presiding elder's district may also unite to form a District Board of City Missions.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each coöperating auxiliary. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives. Further representation shall be determined by each City Mission Board. Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of Churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders are advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer and as many superintendents of departments as the work of the Board demands. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The election of officers shall take place at the January meeting of the City Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

1. A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into departments, each department to be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the Board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. The work of the City Board shall be conducted through department committees, the number of such committees corresponding with the number of departments. The superintendents of the departments shall be chairmen of these committees.

2. These department committees shall consist of at least one member from each coöperating auxiliary. They shall be nominated by the superintendents of departments and elected by the Board in the February monthly meeting.

3. Department committees meet at the call of the superintendents of the departments.

4. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

5. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the Presidents of the coöperating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.

3. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The coöperating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges payable monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions who expend \$60 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, an appropriation of ten per cent of the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. In her absence, the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall be chairman of a standing committee that shall have the supervision of the building and its premises.

3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended, making a monthly report of the same to the Board and a quarterly and annual report to the Board and also to the Treasurer of the Conference Home Department.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of

the Board, and shall give notice of all regular and called meetings. She shall keep a record of the work in permanent form.

6. The Executive Committee shall handle all questions relative to the employment or dismissal of workers, submitting their action for approval to the Board in regular or called meetings.

* *Rules and Regulations.*

1. Each coöperative auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations.)

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Secretary*.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

REPORT No. 1.

We, the Committee on Social Service, would present to the Woman's Missionary Council the following recommendations:

1. In view of the fact that the work of this department is new to most of our auxiliary workers, we recommend that a manual on the work of the Fourth Vice President be prepared by the Standing Committee on Social Service.

2. In order that the work of this department may in future advance along progressive and scientific lines, we further recommend that the Standing Committee on Social Service inaugurate and carry on this year a study of four typical communities—a country district, a town, an industrial center (not in city), and a city section—as a model for further study and investigation, and that the result of these studies be reported at the next meeting of the Council.

3. That the Fourth Vice Presidents of the Conference Societies may be kept in touch with the best work along social service lines, we would suggest that, as far as possible, each Conference see to it that the Fourth Vice President be a member of some such body as the Southern Sociological Congress, the Society of Charities and Corrections, etc., and that she obtain the reports of these organizations for use in her work.

4. As a subject for study next year in this department we recommend "The Condition and Status of Woman," both at home and in our foreign fields, the various phases of social, industrial, and religious life, and social hygiene to be distributed through the quarterly studies at the discretion of the standing committee.

5. As an aid to saving our youth from perils often caused by ignorance, we suggest that the Standing Committee on Social Service

formulate a plan for introducing instructions on social hygiene in the teachers' institutes throughout the country.

6. To carry on the work of this valuable and important department, we recommend that this Council appropriate for it \$600, this amount to include the purchase of social service literature, the membership of this department in other organizations, the printing and distribution of report blanks, studies, etc., and the office expenses.

7. We recommend that the Fourth Vice President be authorized to send specimen report books to the Conference Fourth Vice Presidents.

8. We recommend that a quarterly leaflet accompany each social service study, to be prepared by the standing committee.

REPORT No. 2.

1. Whereas we desire to keep alive the interest of our Southern Methodist girls in the work of our Woman's Missionary Council; and whereas social service work has in it much that appeals to the college girl, we recommend that a committee be appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council to work out the details of a plan whereby our Southern Methodist girls in our Church schools and in other Southern schools may be united in a Wesley House Association for the support of a Wesley House, either at home or abroad, to be designated by the Woman's Missionary Council, and to be located in such a community as would be unable to provide local support.

2. We recommend that each Auxiliary Fourth Vice President be instructed to keep a permanent record of her quarterly reports.

3. Whereas there has come to our Church during the last year a great awakening on the subject of social service, its educational value having wide recognition throughout our membership; and whereas other Churches in the Federal Council of Evangelical Churches in America have adopted plans for providing for this movement at its present floodtide of imperative interest—therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council now in annual session does hereby memorialize the Board of Missions to provide and put into operation for carrying on the social service work of the Church other plans besides those now in use in the Woman's Missionary Council.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The committee on literature recommends:

1. That two copies of the booklet, "Helps," be furnished to every adult auxiliary and one to each leader of a young people's or a children's society of the Woman's Missionary Council free of cost.

2. That new report blanks on loose leaf sheets covering every item in the Foreign Department be prepared for the Conference and auxiliary officers.

3. That official blanks for records and reports be sent out from the offices of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Missionary Council.

4. That Articles XVI. and XVIII. under Constitution and By-Laws for Conference Societies (pages 23, 24) be referred to the Committee on By-Laws, to be placed under By-Laws for auxiliaries.

5. In order that the members of the Woman's Missionary Council may have opportunity to become more familiar with the departmental literature and with the supply of each department, we recommend that the editorial office provide an exhibit of literature to be sent out from that office to be displayed and explained at each annual session of the Woman's-Missionary Council.

6. That the Bulletins of Home and Foreign Departments be combined in one, to be edited jointly by the two Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Council.

7. That the subscription price of the *Voice* be not changed.

8. That a few pages of the *Voice* be used for carefully censored advertisements.

9. That a book of entertainments for children and young people be prepared, composed of tableaux, stories, poetry, songs, dialogues, contests, social amusements, etc., and that it be prepared in such form that it may be sold for twenty-five cents.

10. That the Woman's Department in our Church papers be edited by one woman only.

11. That the Editor of the Woman's Department in the Church paper be appointed by the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conference Society.

12. (a) That comprehensive and attractive literature be used in the Children's Department, and that leaflets be prepared on the following subjects: "Manual for Leaders," not more than eight pages; "Helps for First Vice Presidents;" "Organizations for Children," or what the Council is doing for the child; and that pictorial leaflets be prepared setting forth the specials for children and young people.

(b) That blanks be furnished First Vice Presidents of the Council on which to report to Corresponding Secretaries and to the President.

13. That cards be printed for the use of young people's societies, upon which they may state at the beginning of each year the amount they will pay monthly or quarterly as a membership offering and also the amount they will give for the year on the specials for both departments.

14. That one leaflet bearing exclusively on young people's work be published each quarter.

15. That space be given in the *Bulletin* for a quarterly statement of the progress being made in various Conferences in young people's work.

16. That inasmuch as the first meeting of the fiscal year is pledge

meeting, "Christian Stewardship" be made the topic for the January meeting, 1913.

17. Inasmuch as the Third Vice Presidents of auxiliaries are required to present the subject of stewardship once each quarter, that provision be made on the program the first month in each quarter for such presentation.

18. That adequate literature be provided for such presentation.

19. That the stewardship literature be sent to the Conference Third Vice Presidents quarterly.

20. That the first week of October be set apart as Mission Study Campaign Week, and a vigorous effort be made to organize a mission study class in each auxiliary.

21. That in addition to the regular course of mission study there be also adopted:

(a) A course best suited to those who are beginning regular mission study.

(b) A series of ten of the best missionary story books for circulation among adults and young people.

(c) A set of ten and another one of twenty books that are best for use as a circulating library.

(d) That three books for Bible study be included in the list published for educational work, these books to be selected by a special committee.

22. That, since it has been impossible to get even manuscript copies of the new mission study books prepared by the Interdenominational Committee and by the Missionary Educational Movement, the final selection of the mission study books for this year be left to a committee composed of the Educational and Editorial Secretaries, the Secretary of the department for which the book is to be used, the Council Third Vice President, and the members of the standing committee who reside in Nashville; that Miss Head be the chairman of the committee.

23. That the book, "Why and How," a history of the Home Mission Society by Miss Mary Helm, be adopted for use of the children, also that the book, "Winning the Oregon Country," which was adopted last year but not largely used, be urged again for Intermediates this year.

24. That leaflet literature be provided giving plans and suggestions for college work, an unusual amount of writing and quantities of multigraph work having been necessary to give to the college young people the help they need.

25. While we do not agree with all the reasons stated in the memorial from the Memphis Conference, we do believe that the *Bulletin* should be a news sheet, and we recommend that the columns of the *Home Department Bulletin* shall not be used for the educational propaganda for laity rights for women.

26. That all the manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by this Council shall be submitted to all the members of the Standing Committee on Literature before going to print.

MRS. A. L. MARSHALL, *Chairman*;
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON, *Secretary*.

EXTENSION OF WORK, HOME DEPARTMENT.

REPORT No. 1.

1. Your committee has given careful consideration to the call of the President through the annual message for investigation and inauguration of some definite work for the large French population of Louisiana, and recommend: That a commission of three be appointed to make a thorough investigation and draft a plan of work to be submitted to the Executive Committee at the midyear meeting.

2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to make some investigation as to the need, desirability, and location of a vocational school and report next year. This committee is to be composed of the President and Home Secretary of the Council, a representative from the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions, Deaconess and City Missions, and Social Service, these to be appointed by the Chair.

3. We recommend that this department accept the Indian charge committed to us by the Foreign Department; that a committee of two, of which the Secretary shall be one, shall visit the field and adapt some form of work to the conditions which now obtain.

4. Whereas we are enterprising larger negro work, we recommend that a special committee be appointed to outline a more definite policy for this work; this committee to be composed of one member from the Standing Committee on Education, Social Service, and City Missions, and the President and Secretary *ex officio*, the same to be appointed by the Chair, the policy thus outlined to be submitted to the Council members by correspondence.

5. We recommend concurrence with the memorial asking that the Woman's Missionary Council be made a self-entertaining body.

6. Whereas the Foreign Department, in conformity with the policy of the Church to throw all the work of the Board in the United States into the Home Department, has offered the Laredo Seminary to the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, we recommend that we accept the charge, this to go into effect at the close of the scholastic year, June, 1913.

7. The memorial from the Mississippi Conference and the Seashore District asking that the collection for the Week of Prayer, 1912, be directed to the erection of the Seamen's Rest at Gulfport was duly considered. We recommend nonconcurrence. This work is managed and financed by the three Boards (Domestic Board of Missions of the Mis-

Mississippi Conference, the men of the Home Department of the Board of Missions, and the women of the Home Department of the Missionary Council), and purchase of property at Gulfport should become a joint purchase.

✓ 8. Whereas every institution enterprised by the Home Department needs larger equipment and material improvement; and whereas the buildings which have gone up during the last four years as a result of the Week of Prayer collection still carry financial obligations on these improvements, which the previous collections were inadequate to meet—we therefore recommend that the collection for the Week of Prayer for 1912 be directed toward meeting these obligations at Sue Bennett School, Ruth Hargrove Institute, Vashti Industrial School, and Brevard Institute.

9. Whereas the Week of Prayer collection for 1911 which was pledged to Brevard Institute did not realize more than \$10,991.55 and the building which will be adequate to meet the demands must cost at least \$20,000; and whereas the necessity of erecting the building at once is so imperative—we recommend that the Conference Societies be urged to make an appropriation from their half of dues for this purpose, and that the management be authorized to proceed with plans for the building as soon as a sufficient sum has been promised.

10. Whereas the Educational and City Mission Endowment Funds have been vested funds committed to the Board of Church Extension for investment and management, since the collection of the same was authorized by the Woman's Board of Home Missions; and whereas the funds, which now amount to nearly ten thousand dollars, are already invested, and to change management would entail loss and confusion—we recommend that the Board of Church Extension be requested to continue to hold these funds in trust and authorize the President and Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council to sign the following agreement:

This agreement made and entered into this — day of —, 1912, by and between the Woman's Missionary Council of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Nashville, Tenn., party of the first part, and the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Louisville, Ky., party of the second part.

Witnesseth, whereas said party of the first part has appointed said party of the second part custodian of its Endowment Funds, and investing committee to invest the same, and said party of the second part has accepted said appointment, and has agreed to receive from time to time and invest as trust funds as by law directed to be invested all funds turned over to it by said party of the first part, and to hold the same subject to the order of the said party of the first part and to account to said party of the first part for all interest, income, and commission received by it on said funds; and for all the duties devolving upon it under this contract said party of the second part is to make no charges.

In witness whereof, said parties of the first and second parts, by their General Secretary and President respectfully have hereunto set their hands this the day and year first hereinbefore written.

REPORT No. 2.

Whereas the General Conference directed that fifty per cent of the regular dues in the Home Mission Societies shall be directed by the Conference Societies, subject to the approval of the Woman's Missionary Council; and whereas many memorials have been presented, asking permission to use this fund in irregular ways:

We recommend that the following policy be adopted to govern the use of these funds. They may be used:

1. For Conference expenses.
2. For deaconess and missionary scholarships.
3. For connectional enterprises and other work approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.
4. For enterprising missions, approved by the Executive Committee of Conference Society, with the approval of the Council.
5. For salaries of mission workers where communities cannot assume the same, when the workers have been approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.
6. For permanent investment in approved City Mission enterprises. Before such grants can be made two-thirds of the purchase price of the property or building funds must be secured and a refunding bond to the amount of the donation be required in order that these moneys will be returned to the Conference Society in the event of fire, tornado, or sale, before a grant can be made.
7. These grants shall be made in the annual meeting of the Conference Society; in an emergency only the Conference Executive Committee may be empowered to make grants.
8. A report of these grants shall be made to the General Office. Orders for their payment shall be signed by the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society.

REPORT No. 3.

1. We recommend that all Conferences which have not yet made formal memorial to the Woman's Missionary Council as to the use of its half of dues be granted the privilege of presenting the same to the Executive Committee of the Council after they have had their annual meetings.

2. We recommend concurrence with the memorial from the Little Rock Conference which grants the privilege of using the half of dues for completing the Mae McKenzie Scholarship.

3. We recommend concurrence with memorials from the Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, and the Central Texas Conferences granting the use of the Conference half of dues for the connectional institutions

of the Council, for work among foreigners in Texas and for the Methodist Dormitory at Denton.

4. We recommend nonconcurrence with the memorial from the North Carolina Home Mission Conference and refer the petition to the Board of Church Extension.

5. We recommend concurrence with the memorials from the Pacific, East Oklahoma, and West Oklahoma Conferences asking the privilege of using their half of dues for building parsonages.

6. We recommend concurrence with the memorials from Holston, North Alabama, and Arkansas Conferences which ask the privilege of the use of their half of dues towards supporting work among foreigners within their bounds, provided the Council is able to appoint the workers.

7. We recommend concurrence with the memorial from North Mississippi contingent upon investigations to be made by some one appointed by the Committee on Deaconess and City Missions.

8. We recommend concurrence with the memorial from Tennessee which requests the use of the Conference half of dues for the connectional institutions of the Council, and for building purposes at the Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn. We recommend that the item bearing on parsonage grants be referred to the Board of Church Extension.

9. We recommend concurrence with the memorial from St. Louis, which requests the privilege of using the half of dues for Lead Belt Mission and Kingdom House.

REPORT NO. 4.

1. We recommend that where a united Conference puts an organizer in the field, the traveling expenses of said worker be shared equally by the Home and Foreign Departments.

2. We recommend concurrence in the memorial from North Alabama Conference looking to bearing the traveling expenses of a Conference organizer, two parsonages named in a memorial, and a worker among foreign people at Birmingham.

3. We recommend concurrence with the memorial from Southwest Missouri Conference asking the privilege of donating its half of dues to the lighting fund of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

4. Your committee makes the following recommendations concerning the memorial from Kentucky: Nonconcurrence in Item 1 concerning parsonage grants; concurrence in item referring to support of deaconess in Lexington, Ky.; concurrence concerning item covering support of deaconess at Middleboro after the conditions are investigated; concurrence with grants to deaconess scholarships and Lucinda B. Helm Hall.

REPORT No. 5.

In view of our financial limitations we are not able to make an appropriation for the Scarritt Bible and Training School, but we recommend that the Endowment Fund be made a special and that all auxiliaries be strongly urged to contribute not less than \$2 each toward said fund.

REPORT No. 6.

Appropriations, Home Department.

We, your Committee on Extension of Work and Appropriations for the Home Department, recommend the following appropriations:

Florida Coast Work.

RUTH HARGROVE INSTITUTE, KEY WEST, FLA.

Salaries	\$10,498 95
Repairs and supplies	500 00
Janitor and incidentals.....	350 00
Sub-Cuban school	3,000 00
Building, lots, furnishing.....	3,000 00
Summer expenses	150 00—\$15,398 95

WOLFF MISSION, YBOR CITY, TAMPA, FLA.

Salaries	\$ 2,175 00
Household and incidentals.....	270 00
Improvements and repairs.....	500 00
School supplies and summer work.....	150 00
Insurance	128 00— 3,223 00

WEST TAMPA, FLA.

Salaries	\$ 2,295 00
Incidentals	275 00
Repairs and supplies.....	225 00
Rent, Wesley House.....	420 00
Matron and household.....	240 00
Piano	200 00— 3,655 00

Total for Florida Coast work.....	\$22,276 95
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Gulf Coast Work.

Galveston, Tex.....	\$ 2,650 00
New Orleans, La.....	5,000 00
Gulfport, Miss.....	542 50
Biloxi, Miss.....	542 50
Total	\$ 8,735 00

Industrial Schools.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, THOMASVILLE, GA.

Salaries	\$ 4,000 00	
Current expenses	2,500 00	
Janitor and farm	300 00	
Insurance	100 00	
Repairs	100 00—	\$ 7,000 00

VIRGINIA K. JOHNSON HOME AND SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEX.

Salaries	\$ 3,720 00	
Current expenses	3,000 00	
Janitor	480 00	
Incidentals	500 00	
Physician	600 00	
Financial agent.....	300 00—	8,600 00

PAINE ANNEX, AUGUSTA, GA.

Salaries	\$ 1,500 00	
Incidentals	600 00	
Repairs and furnishing.....	200 00	
Insurance	150 00—	2,450 00

Total for industrial schools.....	\$18,050 00
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Negro Extension Work.

Stipend of Secretary and assistant.....	\$ 1,500 00
Travel and office expenses	150 00
Building for residence and furniture.....	3,000 00

Total	\$ 4,650 00
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Mountain Work.

SUE BENNETT SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.

Salaries	\$10,860 00	
Incidentals, coal, and insurance.....	1,050 00	
Repairs	1,150 00	
Janitor, grounds, supplies.....	1,032 00—	\$14,092 00

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.

Salaries	\$ 6,000 00	
Note on property.....	742 00	
Painting and repairing.....	500 00	
Incidentals, supplies, summer work.....	500 00—	7,742 00

Total for mountain work.....	\$21,834 00
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Pacific Coast Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., KOREAN MISSION.

Rent and care of building.....	\$ 690 00	
Salary and travel of pastor.....	600 00	
Publication of <i>Korean Evangel</i>	700 00	
Rent of M. E. Church, S., Headquarters.....	120 00	
Korean evangelist	600 00—	\$ 2,710 00

OAKLAND, CAL., JAPANESE MISSION.

Rent and care of building.....	\$ 450 00	
Salary of Japanese pastor	400 00	
Kindergarten	360 00—	1,210 00

ALAMEDA, JAPANESE MISSION, MARY HELM HALL.

Salary and travel of Japanese pastor.....	\$ 600 00	
Salary of night school teachers.....	360 00	
Salary of music and English teachers.....	360 00	
Salary of kindergarten teacher and supplies....	360 00	
Care of Mary Helm Hall.....	300 00	
Salary and travel of superintendents.....	1,500 00	
Taxes, electroliers, incidentals.....	400 00	
Salary and travel of evangelist.....	600 00	
Painting and repairs of Mary Helm Hall.....	500 00—	4,980 00

LOS ANGELES, CAL., HOMER TOBERMAN HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Stipend and board of deaconess.....	\$ 720 00	
Salary of head nurse.....	360 00	
Travel of deaconess.....	300 00—	1,380 00

Total for Pacific Coast work.....	\$10,280 00
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Department of Sociology.

Teacher of Sociology, Scarritt Bible and Training School....	\$ 1,000 00
Teacher of Religious and Social Service Department.....	900 00
Sociological work	150 00
Social service	300 00

Total	\$ 2,350 00
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Miscellaneous Work.

Deaconess work.....	\$ 3,000 00
City missions	5,500 00
Annuities and interest.....	1,000 00
Administration	15,650 00
Contingent	1,000 00

Administration Expenses.

Printing	\$ 4,000 00
Salary of Treasurer.....	750 00
Office expenses of Treasurer.....	100 00
Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	1,800 00
Office expenses of Corresponding Secretary.....	800 00
Office expenses of President.....	550 00
Salary of Editorial Secretary.....	700 00
Office expenses of Educational Secretary.....	150 00
Salary of Editorial Secretary.....	700 00
Office expenses of Editorial Secretary.....	650 00
Salary of Field Secretary.....	700 00
Travel of Field Secretary.....	300 00
Clerical help.....	1,400 00
Editor of <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	450 00
Office of Christian stewardship.....	300 00
Office of social service.....	300 00
Office of First Vice President.....	150 00
Office of Second Vice President.....	150 00
Expenses of managers.....	700 00
Expenses of Council meeting.....	1,000 00

Total administration expenses.....\$15,650 00

Recapitulation.

Florida Coast work	\$ 22,276 95
Gulf Coast work	8,735 00
Industrial schools	18,050 00
Mountain work	21,834 00
Pacific Coast work.....	10,280 00
Department of Sociology.....	2,350 00
Deaconess work	3,000 00
City missions	5,500 00
Annuities	1,000 00
Cost of administration.....	15,650 00
Negro extension work.....	4,650 00
Contingent	1,000 00

Total\$114,325 95

REPORT NO. 7.—SPECIALS.

1. Week of Prayer collection, to meet outstanding obligations incurred in buildings at Sue Bennett, Ruth Hargrove, Brevard, and Vashti Industrial School.

2. New buildings at Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.
3. Cottage at Paine Annex.
4. Endowment Fund, Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Young People.

Girls' dormitory at Sue Bennett School.

Children.

Junior Division:

1. Chapel at Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal., for Japanese.
2. Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

Baby Division:

1. Wesley House, Tampa, Fla.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION AND ESTIMATES—FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

REPORT No. 1.

We, the Committee on Extension and Estimates, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas the time has come when some definite action must be taken to relieve the crowded condition at McTyeire and to enable this school to maintain its high position among the schools of China; and whereas at a recent meeting of the Principals of girls' schools in Shanghai the plan for an Interdenominational High School was not approved—

Resolved: 1. That Miss Helen Lee Richardson be authorized to study the situation fully in all its details with reference to the future of McTyeire and to report the result of the investigation as soon as possible to the Executive Committee at Nashville.

And whereas there are many important educational and financial conditions in the East that require careful consideration and study—

Resolved: 1. That Miss Bennett be requested to go to the East at an early date that she may investigate the situation there and help to solve the problems confronting our work.

2. That she be authorized to expend as much as \$15,000 if it be considered wise and advisable to purchase land for McTyeire School.

3. That she represent the Council at the Central China Educational Association, which will meet in Kuling in August.

It is further recommended that the salaries of local missionaries working in our schools in China and giving their whole time to the work range from five hundred to a thousand dollars (Mexican) a year, and in no case to exceed five hundred (gold). The exact amount of each local missionary's salary to be governed by the advantages she has had and the amount expended by the mission on her education.

Extraet from minutes of the China Mission Conference, October, 1911:

Whereas the Central China Educational Union in its meeting at Kuling last summer proposed the establishment of a Union Woman's College, to be located in the Yangste Valley; and whereas the following committee was appointed to draw up a basis of union—Miss Pyle, Southern Methodist Mission; Dr. Venie J. Lee, Southern Presbyterian Mission; Miss Laura M. White, M. E. Mission; Miss Dodson, Episcopal Mission—therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily indorse this movement and request the Council to merge its own proposed college into this larger scheme; and that it empower Miss Pyle to act as its representative on this committee, the basis of union agreed upon to be submitted to the Council for final action.

In accordance with the foregoing action, this committee recommends that Miss Pyle be authorized to act as representative of the Council in this proposed plan of establishing a Union College for women. We indorse fully the enterprise, as well as the appointment of Miss Pyle as the chairman of the committee by the Central China Educational Union.

Whereas a Union Bible Training School, providing advanced training for women, is to be opened next year in Nanking; be it

Resolved: 1. That we request the Woman's Missionary Council to enter into this union on the basis of paying \$400 per annum to the expense of this school and electing a member on the board of management.

2. That we request the Council to allow scholarships to be transferred with students to this school.

This committee recommends:

1. That the Council indorse the foregoing action and appropriate the \$400 asked for by the committee.

2. That Miss Mary Culler White represent our Council on the board of management.

3. That the resolution with reference to the transfer of scholarship to this school be referred to the District Secretaries of China for fuller information.

[NOTE.—Action in regard to appropriating \$400 to the Union Bible School in Nanking is deferred in conformity with deferred action upon the part of the Board of Missions.—EDITOR.]

REPORT No. 2.

Korea.

It is recommended that the erection of buildings in Korea shall be deferred until Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary, goes to the field and has an opportunity to investigate conditions.

REPORT No. 3.

Mexico.

1. The following action with reference to Laredo Seminary was taken by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council at the midyear meeting at Nashville November, 1911:

Whereas the character of work done in Laredo Seminary is more closely related to home work than to foreign work, inasmuch as it is in the United States, it seems expedient that it come within the province of the Home Department. Therefore we recommend that Laredo Seminary be leased to the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council for the nominal sum of one dollar per year for a term of five years, that department to operate it as a home mission school for the special benefit of the Mexicans living in Texas and vicinity.

This committee indorses the action which places the Laredo Seminary under the administration of the Woman's Work of the Home Department, to go into effect in June, 1913.

The property of Laredo Seminary consists of seventeen acres, on which are located a number of buildings belonging to the Foreign Department, valued at \$75,000. Within the inclosure there is one building, Emory Hall, which is the property of Miss N. E. Holding.

2. We recommend that the reopening of the New Laredo work be referred to a committee for investigation, and, if the reopening seems advisable, that \$1,160 be appropriated, this being the amount necessary to carry on the work, including the salary of a teacher.

3. Whereas Miss Laura Lee has given fourteen years of valuable service to our school at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, most of the time receiving only \$350 per year and paying her traveling expenses to and from Mexico:

Resolved, That she be granted a year's leave of absence, with home salary.

4. That \$2,000 shall be appropriated to meet the present necessities of Scarritt Bible and Training School from the Foreign Department.

5. That the Trueheart lectureship in the Training School be completed this year by continuing the assessment of not less than two dollars per year from each auxiliary.

6. That the Corresponding Secretaries of both departments of work shall, whenever it is possible, attend the annual meeting of the managers, at which time they, with Miss Bennett and three ladies from Kansas City, shall constitute a committee to learn the needs of the school, become acquainted with its student body and the details of its financial requirements, and make an annual report of the same to the Council.

7. That, if practicable, all Conferences adopt as specials for young people those named by the Council from year to year.

8. That the children's societies of North Carolina direct their pledge to the Mary Black Hospital, in Soochow, China.

9. That North Alabama be granted the privilege of directing pledge to work in charge of Miss Atkinson, Soochow, China.

10. That no applicant for foreign missionary work be sent to any training school until she has had the educational advantages required by the Constitution.

11. That Conference Corresponding Secretaries be kept supplied with

life membership certificates, and be allowed to send them out as soon as the money is placed in the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

12. We concur heartily in the plans of federation for Woman's Foreign Boards proposed at Philadelphia during the Interdenominational Conference of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada.

13. That we observe Thursday of the World's Week of Prayer (the first week of January) as a day of prayer for woman's work.

14. That we coöperate with other Boards in providing literature for the women of the Orient.

15. Whereas this body has attained a proportion and importance that demands a conservation of time and energy;

Resolved: (1) That the expenses of the entertainment of the Executive Committee at the annual sessions of the Council be met from the general treasury.

(2) That the expenses of the entertainment of the Conference representatives be met from the Conference treasuries.

(3) That deaconesses, missionaries, speakers, etc., be entertained by those extending the invitation.

REPORT No. 4.

1. We recommend the adoption of that part of the report of the Commission on Indian Work which reads as follows: "We ask that the management of school property at Mt. Scott be transferred from the Foreign Department to Woman's Work of the Home Department."

2. That the Week of Prayer offering for 1912 be devoted to the Mary Keener Institute, City of Mexico, except in Conferences where the money has been otherwise directed.

3. That we realize our obligation to the Methodist Training School, at Nashville, and regret our financial inability to grant the \$1,000 requested for that institution at this time.

4. That Mr. Andrés Osuna be authorized to investigate the laws of Mexico with reference to the legality of religious bodies owning educational institutions, and, if necessary, that he take measures to legalize the deeds to our property in Mexico.

The Station Plan.

5. We recommend that the Station Plan, which has been so successfully worked by some Mission Boards, be adopted, with such modifications as will meet the conditions of our work. (a) That a leaflet setting forth this plan shall be prepared as soon as possible and sent to Conference Secretaries. (b) That a list of objects of work at stations, substations, and outstations be kept in the office at Nashville, and also furnished to Conference Secretaries. Such list must include no objects for which appropriation has not been made by Council. (c) That

the support of some of the work shall be divided into shares of fifty twenty-five, and ten dollars each to meet the requirements of individuals and auxiliaries not able to undertake the support of larger objects.

REPORT No. 5.

It is recommended:

1. That the principals of schools to which new missionaries are sent plan for them to give at least half a day to the study of the language.

2. That the estimates sent from the fields shall include the needed number of missionaries as well as the amount of money required for the work.

3. That the law already in existence with reference to reports from the field shall be enforced, and that statistical and financial reports be sent from each station quarterly; and that a report, including course of study, number of teachers (foreign and native), number of scholarships and of Bible women connected with the work, be sent from each station annually, these reports to come from each separate work in the station.

4. That the Bible be included in the required course of study in all your schools.

5. That the payment of money or service be required for all the pupils of the schools, including Bible schools.

6. We note with approval the action of the China Conference with reference to scholarships, and recommend its adoption by the fields, with such modifications as will suit the conditions in each:

Action of China Conference.

1. That the scholarship girls, with the exception of preachers' and Bible women's daughters, and of those with the consent of the teachers, marrying Christians shall be required to refund half of the amount expended in their education.

2. That if any scholarship girl is expelled or leaves the school without the consent of the teacher in charge she shall be required to refund the total amount expended in her education.

7. That some return shall be required from the women who are being educated on scholarships in Bible schools.

8. That principals of schools and those having charge of Bible women shall accept no more scholarships than they can place, and that annual reports shall be sent annually to the donors of scholarships.

9. That the schools in our mission fields be graded, standardized, and correlated, and that they shall conform to the requirements of government schools wherever it is desirable or advantageous.

MRS. J. B. COBB, *Chairman*;

MRS. A. P. HOLT, *Secretary*.

Appropriations for 1912-13.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Shanghai:

Appropriations.

Miss Helen Lee Richardson's salary.....	\$ 750	
Miss Elizabeth Claiborne's salary and travel.....	750	
Miss Julia Wasson's salary.....	750	
Miss Lelia J. Tuttle's salary.....	750	
Miss Clara Park's salary	750	
Miss May Hixson's salary.....	740	
Music teacher	500—	\$ 4,990
Incidentals	200	
Contingent	200	
Insurance	200	
Taxes	200	
Native teachers (two).....	1,000	
Secretary's expenses	25	
Bible women's work in Hongkew.....	200	
Repairs	400—	2,425

Sungkong:

Mrs. Julia Gaither's salary.....	\$ 750	
Miss Alice Waters's salary.....	750	
Miss Irene King's salary.....	750	
Miss Nettie Peacock's salary and travel.....	750	
Miss Sophia Mann's salary.....	750	
Miss Bessie Combs's salary.....	750—	4,500

Total for Shanghai District.....	\$11,915
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SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Soochow:

Miss Martha Pyle's salary.....	\$ 750	
Miss Janie Watkins's salary.....	750	
Miss Nell Drake's salary.....	500	
Miss Kate Smallwood's salary.....	750	
Mrs. S. S. Harris's salary.....	500	
Miss Longden's salary.....	740	
Laura Haygood Memorial.....	500—	\$ 4,490
Miss Virginia Atkinson's salary.....	\$ 750	
Miss Mary Tarrant's salary.....	750	
Miss Maggie Rogers's salary.....	750	
Miss Emma S. Lester's salary.....	500	
Miss Dora Otis's salary.....	750	
Miss Margaret Beadle's salary.....	750	

	Appropriations.	
Miss Nevada Martin's salary.....	\$	750
Miss Madge Hendry's salary	740—	\$ 5,740
Davidson Memorial	\$	700
Kindergartens (two).....		400
Kindergarten Training School.....		300
Repairs and wall on East Side.....		300
Piano		250
Industrial School chapel (reception room, clinic)....		3,000
Land for industrial building.....	1,000—	5,950
Miss Mary Culler White's salary.....	\$	750
Miss Mary Hood's salary.....		740
Hospital	1,250	
Medical school		200
Nurse-training	100—	3,040
Day schools (W. S.).....		600
District day schools.....		200
Woman's work (W. S.).....		200
Woman's work (district).....		500
Kong Hong woman's work.....		400
Incidentals		100
Contingent		200
Insurance		400
Repairs for district		200
Secretary's expenses	50—	2,850
Miss Ida Anderson's salary.....	\$	750
Miss Ella B. Leveritt's salary.....		750
Miss Tommie Foster's salary.....		750
Woman's work, Changchow (North Gate).....		600
Changchow (East Gate).....	300—	3,150
Total for Soochow District.....		\$25,220

HUCHOW DISTRICT.

Huchow:

Miss Mildred Bomar's salary.....	\$	750
Miss Lochie Rankin's salary.....		750
Miss Clara Steger's salary.....		750
Miss Mary Lou White's salary.....		750
Miss Sarah J. Smith's salary.....		750
Miss Annie Bradshaw's salary.....		750
Miss Mittie Shelton's salary.....	750—	\$ 5,250
City day schools.....	\$	200
District day schools.....		200

	Appropriations.
Bible woman's work and rest.....	\$ 300
Incidentals, taxes, repairs.....	200
Contingent fund	300
Insurance	150
Secretary's office expenses and travel.....	50— 1,400
Total for Huchow District.....	\$ 6,650
Seven new missionaries (outfit, \$150; salary, \$750; travel, \$250), \$1,150 each	\$ 8,050
Total for Shanghai District.....	11,915
Total for Soochow District.....	25,220
Total for Huchow District.....	6,650
Total for China	\$51,835

KOREA MISSION.

Seoul:

Mrs. J. P. Campbell's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Lillian Nichols's salary.....	500
Miss Mattie Ivey's salary.....	750
Miss Bertha A. Smith's salary.....	750
Miss Bertha Tucker's salary.....	750
Miss Ida Hankins's salary.....	750—\$ 4,250
Carolina Institute	\$ 1,200
Incidentals	200
Repairs	200
Printing	50
Insurance	40
Itinerating	200
Day schools (three)	540
Site for day schools	800— 3,230
Total for Seoul.....	\$ 7,480

Songdo:

Miss Ellasue Wagner's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Cordelia Erwin's salary.....	750
Miss Mary F. Johnstone's salary.....	750
Miss Lillie M. Reed's salary.....	750
Miss Hortense Tinsley's salary.....	750—\$ 3,750
Holston Institute	\$ 1,500
Equipment	1,000
Laundry, coal house, etc.....	800
Insurance	200
Insurance on Tallulah Hargrove Home.....	25

Appropriations.

Joy Hardie Bible School.....	\$ 250
Repairs	150
Incidentals	150
Primary day schools (three); current expenses, \$180 each	540
Sites for three day schools.....	1,500
Site for intermediate day school.....	800
Itinerating	300
Mary Helm Normal School, current expenses.....	300
Safe	40—\$ 7,555

Total for Songdo \$11,305

Wonsan:

Miss Mamie D. Myers's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Hallie Buie's salary.....	750
Miss Kate Cooper's salary.....	750
Miss Alice D. Noyes's salary.....	750
Miss Myrtle Barker's salary.....	750—\$ 3,750
Lucy Cuninggim Memorial expense.....	\$ 1,200
School furniture for Lucy Cuninggim Memorial.....	1,000
Insurance on boarding school.....	200
Alice Cobb Bible School.....	150
Insurance on school.....	150
Day schools	360
Itineration	300
Incidentals and repairs.....	300
Safe	40— 3,700

Total for Wonsan \$ 7,450

Choon Chun:

Miss Laura Edwards's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Carrie Una Jackson's salary.....	750—\$ 1,500
Day schools	\$ 540
Itineration	300— 840

Total for Choon Chun \$ 2,340

Total for Seoul.....\$ 7,480

Total for Songdo 11,305

Total for Wonsan..... 7,450

Total for Choon Chun..... 2,340

Four new missionaries (outfit, \$150; travel, \$250; salary, \$750).
\$1,150 each 4,600

Total for Korea\$33,175

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Laredo:

	Appropriations.
Miss N. E. Holding's salary.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Delia Holding's salary.....	750 00
Miss Edith Park's salary	750 00
Miss Annie Churchill's salary	750 00
Miss Laura Wright's salary	750 00
Miss Ellie Tyding's salary	500 00
Miss H. K. Norvell's salary	750 00—\$ 5,000
Seminary teachers' salaries	\$ 1,350 00
Current expenses	750 00
Matron's salary	225 00
Engineer's salary	300 00
Insurance	308 25
Native teacher's salary	150 00
Woman's work	131 25
Salary West End teacher	112 50
Appropriation for nine months	3,327
Total for Laredo	\$8,327

Appropriations for work at Laredo are made for nine months. It passes to the Home Department at that time.

Saltillo:

Miss Roberts's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Frankie Hooper's salary.....	750—\$ 1,500
Current expenses	\$ 2,800
Teachers' salaries	3,750
Charity School and teacher.....	300
Repairs and apparatus, etc.....	300
New building	20,000— 27,150
Total for Saltillo.....	\$28,650

Total for Laredo.....\$ 8,327

Total for Saltillo..... 28,650

Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference.....\$36,977

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

San Luis Potosi:

Miss Frances Moling's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Sue Ford's salary.....	750

	Appropriations
Miss Ellen Alfter's salary	\$ 750
Miss Laura Lee's salary.....	500—\$ 2,750
Music teacher	\$ 500
Salaries of American teachers.....	1,000
Native teachers' salaries.....	800
Taxes, repairs, etc.....	400
Woman's work.....	150— 2,850
Total for San Luis Potosi.....	\$ 5,600
<i>Guadalajara:</i>	
Miss Norwood E. Wynn's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Mary Massey's salary.....	750
Miss Minnie Varner's salary.....	750—\$ 2,250
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,800
Current expenses	800
Woman's work	75
Trueheart School	250
Taxes	190
Repairs	410— 4,525
Total for Guadalajara.....	\$ 6,775
<i>City of Mexico:</i>	
Miss Esther Case's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Linnie Barcroft's salary.....	750
Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick's salary.....	750—\$ 2,250
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,000
Woman's work	150
Current expenses	400
Matron's salary	300
Rent	6,000— 8,850
Total for City of Mexico.....	\$11,100
Total for San Luis Potosi.....	\$ 5,600
Total for Guadalajara.....	6,775
Total for City of Mexico.....	11,100
Total for Central Mexico Mission Conference.....	\$23,475

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Durango:

Miss May Treadwell's salary.....	\$ 500
Mrs. Nellie O'Bierne.....	750

Appropriations.

Miss Alma Jones	\$ 750	
Miss Johnnie Pierson.....	750	
Miss Beverly Cain.....	750—\$ 3,500	
American teachers' salaries.....	\$ 1,500	
Native teachers' salaries	1,000	
Music teacher's salary.....	500	
Taxes and repairs.....	1,000	
Current expenses	1,000	
Matron's salary	300	
Woman's work	100	
Equipment	500—	5,900
Total for Durango		\$ 9,400
<i>Chihuahua:</i>		
Miss Lizzie Wilson's salary.....	\$ 750	
Miss L. C. Harper's salary.....	750	
Miss Ara Riffin's salary.....	150	
Miss Maria W. Capers's salary.....	750—\$ 2,400	
Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 1,500	
Native teachers' salaries.....	500	
Current expenses	500	
Insurance	200	
Repairs, furnishings, and taxes.....	500	
Furnishings for schoolrooms.....	500	
Sidewalk ordered by City Council.....	400—	4,400
Total for Chihuahua.....		\$ 6,800
Total for Durango.....		\$ 9,400
Total for Chihuahua.....		6,800
Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.....		\$16,200
Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference.....		\$36,977
Total for Central Mexico Mission Conference.....		23,475
Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.....		16,200
Three new missionaries (outfit, \$150; salary, \$750; travel, \$75).		
\$975 each		2,925
Grand total for Mexico.....		\$79,577

BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

Rio de Janeiro:

Miss Layona Glenn's salary.....	\$ 900
Moving missionaries	500
Woman's work	150—\$ 1,550

Collegio Americano Fluminense:	Appropriations.
Miss Helen Hickman's salary	\$ 900
Miss Ferguson's salary	900
House rent	2,150
Teachers' salaries	1,000
Incidentals	300
Special	1,000— \$6,250

People's Institute:

Miss Richmond's salary.....	\$ 900
Miss Simpson's salary.....	900
Teacher's salary	600— 2,400
Girls' school	30,000
Total for Rio de Janeiro.....	\$40,200

Piracicaba:

Miss L. A. Stradley's salary.....	\$ 500
Mrs. F. E. Brown's salary.....	900
Miss Estelle Hood's salary.....	500
Miss Warne's salary	900
Miss Virginia Howell's salary.....	900
Miss Sophia Schalch's salary.....	900—\$ 4,600
Teacher's salary and board.....	\$ 800
Incidentals and insurance.....	425
Repairs	1,500— 2,725
Total for Piracicaba	\$ 7,325

Juiz de Fora:

Miss Ida Shaffer's salary.....	\$ 900
Miss Daisy Pyles's salary.....	900
Miss Leila F. Epps's salary.....	900—\$ 2,700
Teacher's salary	\$ 500
Incidentals and repairs.....	325
Woman's work	50
Insurance	150
Painting building	400— 1,425
Total for Juiz de Fora.....	\$ 4,125

Petropolis:

Miss Eliza Perkinson's salary.....	\$ 900
Miss Mary Pescud's salary.....	900
Miss Florence Barton's salary.....	900—\$ 2,700

	Appropriations.
Teachers' salaries	\$ 500
Repairs	500
Waterworks	250
Incidentals	275
Insurance	150—\$ 1,675
Total for Petropolis.....	\$ 4,375
<i>Sao Paulo:</i>	
Miss Amelia Elerding's salary.....	\$ 500
Evangelistic help	375
Woman's work	150
Missionary's room rent.....	200—\$ 1,225
Total for Sao Paulo.....	\$ 1,225
<i>Ribeirao Preto:</i>	
Miss Andrew's salary and travel.....	\$ 750
Miss Helen Johnston's salary.....	900—\$ 1,650
Miss Murpay's board and salary.....	\$ 800
House rent	1,700
School furniture	150
Teacher's salary	500
Incidentals	300— 3,450
Total for Ribeirao Preto.....	\$ 5,100
<i>Bello Horizonte:</i>	
Miss Blanche Howell's salary.....	\$ 900
Miss May Fenley's salary.....	900
Miss Steel's salary.....	900—\$ 2,700
Teachers' salaries	\$ 500
Water box, painting and repairs, and outside doors....	350
Incidentals, insurance, and taxes.....	325
Woman's work	50— 1,225
Total for Bello Horizonte.....	\$ 3,925
Total for Rio de Janeiro.....	\$40,200
Total for Piracicaba	7,325
Total for Juiz de Fora.....	4,125
Total for Petropolis.....	4,375
Total for Sao Paulo.....	1,225
Total for Ribeirao Preto.....	5,100
Total for Bello Horizonte.....	3,925
Total for Brazil	\$66,275

SOUTH BRAZIL MISSION.

<i>Porto Alegre:</i>	Appropriations.
Miss Elizabeth Lamb's salary	\$ 900
Miss Emma Christine's salary.....	900—\$ 1,800
Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,000
House rent	850
Day school	800
Woman's work	150
Incidentals	150—\$ 2,950
Total for Porto Alegre.....	\$ 4,750
Three new missionaries (outfit, \$150; salary, \$900; travel, \$250), \$1,300 each	\$ 3,900
Total for Brazil Mission Conference.....	66,275
Total for South Brazil Mission.....	4,750
Grand total for work in Brazil.....	\$74,925

CUBA.

<i>Cienfuegos:</i>	
Miss Hattie G. Carson's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Agnes Ruff's salary.....	750—\$ 1,500
Miss Bessie Carson Stubb's salary.....	\$ 740
Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,680
Incidentals	150
Native teachers	500
Furniture	300— 3,370
Total for Cienfuegos.....	\$ 4,870
<i>Matanzas:</i>	
Miss Rebecca Toland's salary.....	\$ 750
Miss Belle Markey's salary.....	750—\$ 1,500
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,500
Matron's salary	300
Taxes	90
Incidentals	300— 3,190
Total for Matanzas	\$ 4,690
Total for Cienfuegos.....	\$ 4,870
Total for Matanzas.....	4,690
Grand total for Cuba.....	\$ 9,560

ANNUITIES.

Appropriations.

Annuities	\$ 1,350
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HOME ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries	\$ 4,650
Clerical help	1,800
Office expenses and traveling expenses.....	2,500
Leaflets	1,600
Bulletins	375
Literature	500
Annual reports	1,725
Managers and Vice Presidents.....	1,000
Council meeting	1,100
Board meeting	250
Midyear meeting	175

Total\$15,675

Cost of administration, 5-10 per cent.

SUMMARY.

China	\$ 51,835 00
Korea	33,175 00
Mexico	79,577 00
Brazil	74,925 00
Cuba	9,560 00
Annuities	1,350 00
Contingent	14,697 14
Expense of administration.....	15,675 00

Total\$280,794 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

Whereas we realize more and more the truth so forcibly expressed by Jacob Riis that "the child of to-day is the Church of to-morrow," we recommend:

1. That the Auxiliary First Vice Presidents seek the closest affiliation with the Sunday school and missionary committees where such committees exist.

2. That the alternative constitution adopted by the Epworth League Board be used where Junior Leagues are already organized.

3. That the program published in the *Young Christian Worker* be used.

4. That at least one home and one foreign mission book be studied each year, and that a manual be published giving instruction to leaders of Junior Divisions.

5. That the First Vice President shall have associated with her two

members of the Council to be named by the Chairman during this session, and three to compose a committee to select colors and pin and formulate plans and policies for the advancement of the Children's Department.

MRS. J. E. RATCLIFFE, *Chairman*;

MRS. P. C. ARCHER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

We recommend:

1. That wherever there are as many as six young people in any Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. That all organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

3. That the educational work for young people be carried on through the leaflets and yearbook prepared for adults and young people, and the *Bulletin* and the *Missionary Voice*, and that the program be printed in the *Missionary Voice*.

4. That October be set apart as a special time for organizing Mission Study Classes, and that an effort be made to induce our Church schools to include in their regular curriculum a mission study course.

5. That a committee from this body be appointed to study and investigate the plan of correlation of the Y. W. C. A. and the Church Missionary Boards in the colleges and State schools, and to consider a plan of denominational federation; that this committee shall consist of Miss Head, Mrs. Grubbs, Miss Mary Moore, and Miss Mabel Howell.

6. That in every college center there be chosen one woman who shall be a college mother, and who shall in every way possible link the young people to the Church life of the community.

7. We recommend that the women of Conferences and auxiliaries keep in close touch with the young women from schools who form the eight weeks' study club in the summer; that so far as possible they be made a nucleus for young people's organizations.

8. That our young people be urged and encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for young people.

9. That all Conferences adopt as their specials for young people those named by the Council from year to year.

10. That when a Conference has not united the Home and Foreign Conferences elect, if possible, the same woman as Second Vice President.

11. That our Conference and Auxiliary officers avail themselves of every opportunity for presenting the missionary work to the Sunday school and League, with the idea of imparting instruction, arousing interest, and stimulating enthusiasm.

12. That Good Friday be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign field.

13. That a standing Committee on Young People's Work, consisting of five members, be appointed.

14. That the standing Committee on Young People's Work prepare a standard of excellence for Young People's Societies.

MRS. J. E. GRUBBS, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee to Nominate the Standing Committees presents the following resolutions:

1. Whereas we realize the need for definiteness and preparation for effective service in all committee work, and the wide separation of the members on the adjournment of this body; therefore be it

Resolved, That these standing committees meet together for organization and for such outlining of work as may be found necessary before leaving the place of meeting of the Council, even if it involves staying an additional day.

2. Whereas it has been found that the restricting of the number of standing committees to eight is a hindrance to the best planning for our work; therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask the By-Law Committee to change By-Law 19 so as to leave the number of standing committees undetermined.

3. Whereas there has been no quorum stated for standing committees, and whereas it is often impossible to secure the attendance of all members; therefore be it

Resolved, That each committee have the right to make its own quorum at the time of organization, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three, and that the actions of the quorum of each committee be submitted to all the members of the committee.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

We, your committee appointed to make a digest of all the laws pertaining to Council administration, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas much time and careful consideration is required to carry out the instructions given to this committee, neither of which has been at its disposal during the session of its Council; and whereas a special committee, composed of Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, and Mrs. H. R. Steele, has had this matter under consideration during

the last interim, and their work shows consideration of the subject, the greater part of these recommendations we approve, and with permission we incorporate the major part of its paper in this report, recommending as follows:

Believing that a manual containing all rules and regulations governing every department is necessary to the proper administration of the work, we recommend:

1. That such a book shall be compiled and published.

2. That, as the administration of the Council is based upon the administration of the Foreign and Home Boards as they existed prior to the Council, the material for the manual should be gathered from the Handbooks of these Boards, to which shall be added laws taken from the Annual Report.

[NOTE.—The portion of the paper consisting of a collection of laws previously passed by the body is omitted.—EDITOR.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

REPORT No. 1.

To the new Constitution and By-Laws of Auxiliary Societies, presented by the special committee, we vote nonconcurrency.

REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws beg leave to report:

Whereas the Woman's Missionary Council and its auxiliary societies are still undergoing adjustments, and must be in this condition for at least a year longer; and whereas we regard it impracticable to make any decided or radical change at this session of the Council—

Resolved: 1. That Report No. 1, which was recommitted to this committee for some changes, remain as first offered.

2. That the resolution asking that no changes in by-laws be made at this session of the Council be not granted; that By-Law 19, on standing committees, be amended by striking out the word "eight;" also after the word "session" add: "Each committee shall elect its own chairman." Item "A"—That a report of a standing committee shall be submitted to a majority of the committee members before said report is made to the Council. We also recommend that Item 1 (Committee on Social Service) be amended by adding after "at large," "three shall constitute a quorum," and that Item 2 be stricken out. In By-Laws of Conference Societies we recommend that Item 10 be amended by striking out the word "treasury" and substituting "Treasurers."

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. A. L. MARSHALL, *Secretary*.

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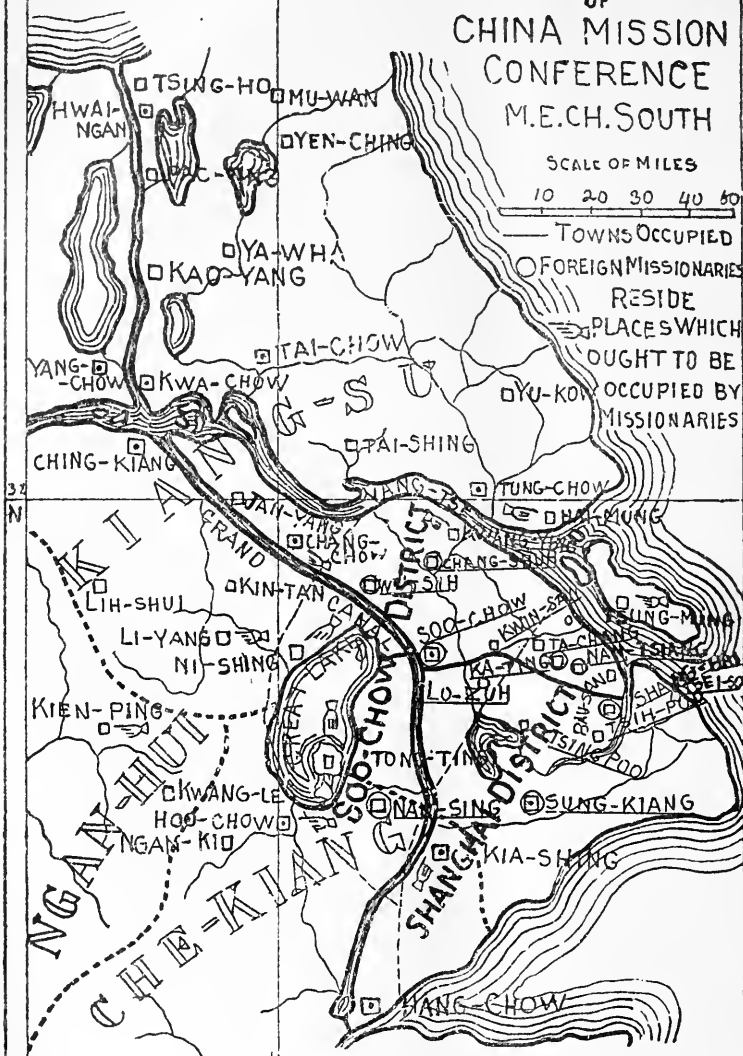
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E.M. GARDNER.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CHINA.

When China is moved, it will change the face of the globe.—*Napoleon.*

China is moving, and her heart throbs are felt by the whole world. The changes have been wonderful, but the end is not yet; and a greater conflict may be expected before peace is restored and a stable government is established. The remarkable prophecy of Isaiah, "and these from the land of Sinim," foretelling the coming of the people of China to Christ, which has for over two thousand years proved a stumblingblock to many, may be at last finding its fulfillment. Certainly Christianity and the work of the missionaries have had a large part in shaping the conditions that exist to-day in China. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the revolutionary leader, the son of a Chinese evangelist, is himself a Christian. He recently said: "Our greatest hope for China is the Bible and education."

Our Church opened work in China in 1848. The women of the Church sent their first missionary to China in 1878. There are 3,035 members of the Church and 4,495 probationers; value of property of Board of Missions, \$375,289; value of property of Woman's Council, \$340,355. Our work is located in three districts: Shanghai, Soochow, and Huchow.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Stations.—Shanghai, Sungkiang, and nine outstations.

Miss Alice Waters, Secretary:

The year 1911 has been a good one on the Shanghai District, although we have missed much the wise counsel and fine judgment of Miss Richardson, who has been at home on a leave of absence. At present there is on the district a working force of ten missionaries, one missionary teacher, two Chinese women who have spent several years studying in America, and a goodly number of teachers and helpers who have been well trained in our mission schools.

There are on the district two boarding schools, McTyeire and Susan Wilson, with an attendance of more than two hundred girls.

The Hayes-Wilkins Bible School has an enrollment this term of forty-nine.

In the girls' day schools on the district there are about two hundred pupils. Including two boys' schools, there are more than five hundred pupils who are daily receiving religious instruction.

The schools throughout the district are flourishing.

We are sorry to record that, since Miss King left for her furlough in the fall of 1910, not one foreigner in the district has been giving her entire time to evangelistic work. However, Miss Combs is now engaged in language study in preparation for this special work.

There are eight women graduates from the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School and four helpers who give their entire time to Bible woman's work.

Five street Sunday schools are taught by the teachers, Bible women, and girls in the schools.

Two new day schools have been opened during the year. One at Dingling was turned over to us by the Chinese after the Chinese New Year. It was opened several years ago by a well-to-do Church member, who supported it as long as he lived, and made provision in his will that a hundred dollars a year be given for the support of the school after his death. There were seventeen girls in the school, and they are the best class of girls I have seen in any school.

Since the summer vacation, a school with sixteen girls has been opened at Nanziang, which promises to be a very good school.

STATISTICS FOR SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Boarding schools	2
Pupils in boarding schools.....	251
Teachers, foreign	10
Teachers, Chinese	18
Baptized Christians in boarding school.....	56
Bible school	1
Foreign teacher in Bible school.....	1
Chinese	3
Pupils in Bible school.....	47
Girls' day schools.....	12
Bible women	7
Bible women helpers.....	4

SHANGHAI.

MCTYEIRE SCHOOL.

MISS RICHARDSON, 1890, St. Louis Conference.

MISS CLAIBORNE, 1905, Memphis Conference.

MISS WASSON, 1908, North Mississippi Conference.

MISS PARK, 1909, South Georgia Conference.

Miss HOUSER (at home), 1909, South Georgia Conference.

Miss TUTTLE, 1909, Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss OTIS, 1910, Missouri Conference (now at Soochow).

Miss HIXSON, Missionary Teacher.

Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Principal *pro tem.*:

The faculty of McTyeire includes eighteen teachers. There are one hundred and forty-seven students. We have as our guests fifteen students and two teachers from the Northern Methodist School, refugees from Nanking.

Our watchword is "Forward Together," and we feel the year has been marked by progress.

The Bishop transferred Miss Otis to Soochow, where she is doing a beautiful work.

Miss Houser, in a more intimate acquaintance with her class, has known how to require more; and a marked improvement in expression and technique in piano, and in breadth of tone in voice has been the result.

Let Miss Houser tell something of her work:

"Besides the public recitals and concerts during the year, the students sing an anthem every Sunday at Moore Memorial Church and take part in the monthly meetings of the Wightman Literary Society. In connection with the students of expression, an evening was given to Grieg and Riley. There has been a Faculty recital by the teachers of piano, violin, and expression.

"The Department of Violin has been added this year, and we are thankful that we have secured one splendidly equipped for the work, Miss Margaret Richard, who has just returned to Shanghai after years of study in England. She is the daughter of one of the grand missionaries whose name will ever be remembered in connection with China, Dr. Timothy Richard.

"Our Christmas season was lovely, because our girls gave to those more needy than themselves instead of exchanging gifts among themselves. On Christmas Sunday all the girls from the least to the largest sang in a cantata, 'The Children's Messiah,' given along with the stereopticon views on the life of Christ. It was beautiful, and we all enjoyed working on the sweet carols and choruses as much as the friends present seemed to enjoy the presentation."

Miss Park's work of teaching expression to Chinese girls was begun by her with many misgivings, but it is growing in favor with both parents and daughters. Backs are straighter, voices are clearer, faces, before almost stolid, have become pleasant and beautiful. The teaching has proved a delight to her, and the pupils have entered into the study with genuine appreciation of its true value.

In the study of history and literature it is delightful to find students under Miss Tuttle's careful instruction able to understand and

enjoy Dickens, Emerson, Browning, and the best from these in English.

Miss Wasson in every relation with classes or individuals seems able to get responses in the best way they know. In addition to her regular work at McTyeire, she has had charge of a day school, and writes pleasantly of the work done there: "It has been my pleasure this year to look after a little outstation day school near Shanghai. I have done little more than pay the teacher's salary and buy the needed books for the school, but my fortnightly visits to the school have been full of interest to me and have brought me into closer touch with real Chinese life than I had had elsewhere. In my visits to the homes of the pupils I have seen the influence of the school. Parents who were at first very unwilling for their children to study the Bible are now glad to hear the gospel, and some are really believers. 'Line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little, there a little,' and China will eventually become evangelized."

How we wish every school had a Miss Hixson—not our Miss Hixson, for then what would we do? We hope the Council will accept her and appoint her to McTyeire "for life on good behavior."

Miss Mo, our business manager and trusted friend, has been unflinching in advice and sympathy; and Mr. Van, the classics teacher, who has joined our Conference, taking a local preacher's license, has made easy sailing past some of the whirlpools and cliffs of the strait between old and new China. The entire staff of teachers is faithful and efficient. We have added three departments during the year: Drawing, taught by Miss Hixson and Miss Woo; Mandarin, by a teacher from Tientsin; and violin, under the direction of Miss Richard. They answer a need, and we are glad to be able to present them to our patrons.

If we say that the house is crowded, you get an idea of our condition. To say it was crowded and we took twenty more boarders may prove too much for you to take in. When Bishop Murrah was here and we discussed the immediate need of building in connection with the other schools for girls in Shanghai one institution which should be interdenominational, he was quite sympathetic. We looked over the city and found a plot which can be bought for ten thousand dollars. It is near the car line, convenient to the city, under the Shanghai Municipal Council protection, and centrally located as regards the existing mission schools. The plan would be for each mission having a primary school to adopt the same course of study, and pass on its graduates to the high school.

We are making an extra effort to get better acquainted with our Chinese friends and patrons. On New Year's day the faculty were "at home;" about a hundred guests called, and were entertained by a program of recitation and music, much to their delight. We, the receiving party, enjoyed the afternoon very much. It was good to

see the rich and official class come in close touch with the poor Christian, all brought to one plane by the educated daughter. We are inviting the girls' mothers for an afternoon of each week. They come by fours and fives, have a cup of tea, and remain awhile. The teachers come in during their vacant periods, and the guests hardly know when one comes and another goes. Their visits bring us in close touch with them, for they talk freely, almost like children, about their joys and sorrows, their homes, children, and servants. Sometimes Mr. Tsa comes; then we all listen while he tells the gospel story, which they understand.

The Sunday schools for the street children have grown to nearly a thousand members, with fifty teachers.

Miss Richardson has kept in the closest touch with everything in the school. It has been our joy to know she was getting well. She returns sometime in the spring to hearts and homes that have missed her.

SUNGKIANG.

MISS ALICE G. WATERS, 1892, Memphis Conference.

MRS. JULIA A. GAITHER, 1892, North Georgia Conference.

MISS IRENE KING, 1905, Missouri Conference.

MISS NETTIE PEACOCK (at home), 1906, South Georgia Conference.

MRS. S. S. HARRIS, 1907, Florida Conference. (Moved at last Conference to Laura Haygood.)

MISS SOPHIA MANNS, 1906, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS BESSIE COMBS, 1911, Missouri Conference.

SUSAN B. WILSON SCHOOL.

Miss Alice G. Waters, Principal:

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for his blessings through another year.

Early in the year Miss Peacock, who had been laid aside from work for almost a year, was, through the skillful treatment of Dr. Polk, sufficiently restored to health to take up her class work again. She leaves us on February 17 for her furlough.

In the autumn we lost Mrs. Harris, who was transferred to Soochow. Mrs. Harris says: "I did not realize my deep love for the Susan Wilson girls and theirs for me until I saw their streaming eyes and felt and heard their sobs when the change was made known. Many said: 'You have not only been our kind teacher, but you are like a mother.' I thank God for their love, for the opportunities to help them in their Christian life, and for the sweet promises given by many to live close to him."

Miss Manns was added to our force in the fall.

Miss Combs has also given us an hour a day in the school since Conference.

We have a very satisfactory corps of Chinese teachers.

The enrollment for the year is eighty-nine. The present attendance is seventy-five.

For the third time in the nine years' existence of the school death has invaded our ranks, and one of our brightest girls was taken.

One girl was graduated in June. She has been teaching a day school this fall and winter, but she hopes after the Chinese new year to enter the hospital in Soochow as a medical student. It has been the dream of her life to become a physician.

Since Conference twenty of our girls have united with the Church, making our number of church members in the school forty-seven.

A number of our teachers and pupils give Sunday afternoons to two Sunday schools for street children: One in McLain Church, near by; and one a mile and a half away, where from seventy to a hundred and thirty children gather Sunday after Sunday for instruction in the Bible. Truly, this has been our best year.

THE OUTSTATION WORK.

The outstation work in the Shanghai District has suffered in Miss King's absence from the field. The superintending of eleven day schools in eight different places and Bible-women's work in four of these places is enough work to occupy the time and require the strength of at least two women. While I have had to divide myself between the boarding school and the work at the outstations, the work and time I have been able to give to it have been a joy, and I am grateful for even this small touch with it. Six of the schools are taught by young women who had formerly been pupils in Susan Wilson School. Nineteen of our Susan Wilson girls have been pupils in these day schools.

There are four Bible women's homes on the district, each with a chapel in it in which at least one meeting a week has been held. The Bible women seem thoroughly interested, and have done faithful work. The field is such a large one that it is impossible for one foreigner to give each place the time and attention it needs.

We will welcome Miss King back to the work which needs her so much.

HAYES WILKINS BIBLE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN.

Mrs. Julia A. Gaither, Principal:

The past year has been one of blessing. The school has been larger than ever before, the total enrollment reaching fifty-six. The work has been going on very quietly, not a single day having been lost on account of the war. No doubt when peace is restored there will be a great impetus to missionary work. Quite recently a Chinese

gentleman called to see me about entering his wife in school. He said: "My wife is educated. She can read all the Confucian classics; but the thing I want her to learn in this school is a knowledge of the Old Testament and of the New Testament, for the Bible is the foundation of all things." Neither of them is a Christian. The woman came and is doing good work. She has also become a probationer. Many who have not yet completed the course of study help in Christian work. This is really a part of their course. All the students are members of the Church except two new pupils who have become probationers. Many of the women enter the school not knowing a character, and it is really astonishing to see how quickly they begin to read verses in the opening Bible lesson.

In the spring our oldest Bible woman entered into life eternal. She was eighty-five, but she was young in spirit. She worshipped idols until she was fifty years old. She was a happy Christian, and her life brightened the hopes and strengthened the faith of every member of our large family. Such a life is a blessing to any community.

The discipline of the schools gets easier as I more fully understand the Chinese people. I have been working in China for nineteen years.

From the standpoint of self-support very little is done. Many of the women are widows, and they are too poor to pay anything. Tuition has been free until quite recently. Now, all who can must pay according to their ability from one to three dollars per month. If they do not remain in the school until the course of study is finished, they are required to pay full board from the day they entered. This year we have received \$451.85 (Mex.).

This year the Bible woman in charge of the house said: "Please don't let us have any extra money for Christmas. We do not wish to use it for ourselves; we want to deny ourselves and give it to the needy." She said the pupils, Bible women, and native women teachers had all agreed to do without any Christmas dinner. It was their own pleasure. They ate their plain, simple meal and gave all the rest away, and were happy in the act. They, however, had some presents of books, handkerchiefs, toilet soaps, etc., for a dear friend in Atlanta, Ga., had given the money with which to buy these articles. She doubtless enjoys her Christmas by making others happy.

The Church work here prospers under the faithful training of Mr. Burke, who is one of the best pastors I have ever known. Many soldiers come to church, and Mr. Burke gives time to all those in the fold and out of it.

We have everything for which to be thankful. When we see the great changes taking place, we cannot but say: "See what God hath wrought." He is with us and is blessing us every day.

SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Miss Virginia M. Atkinson, Secretary:

The Soochow District has had an exceptional year in almost every respect. The workers have had good health generally, and are now full of courage as they enter a new year. As others on the district will be heard from, it is not necessary in this report to do more than make a brief note of each station or institution as it is related to the whole and in its relation to the coming of Christ's kingdom in China.

Our schools on the district—the Laura Haygood, the Davidson, the Medical School, the Industrial School, and the Day Schools at Changchow, Wusih, and West Soochow, together with the kindergartens and the Kindergarten Training School, in all of which we have a total enrollment of about five hundred and fifty pupils—are making visible progress and are every year advancing their standards and giving better advantages. While this is true, and the condition of five years ago cannot be compared with our present condition—to say nothing of our educational work ten or twenty years ago—yet we feel that we must look forward to a still higher standard and a better equipment, or we cannot cope with schools opened by the gentry or the government. Especially is this true of our day schools. We remind ourselves, however, as Paul did the Corinthians, that in measuring ourselves by ourselves and comparing ourselves among ourselves we are not wise. We are asking God to give us his own standards and an insight into China's needs so that we may be able perfectly to meet those needs, thus bringing young China ever increasingly under the influence of Christian education.

We note with special gratitude the spiritual blessings that have come to these schools during the year. God is owning our work and saving our pupils, and we are proud to be connected with schools that are so truly evangelistic and that can furnish teachers and helpers who can carry on the work where it is so much needed.

The regular evangelistic work done by Miss White on the district, by Miss Tarrant in West Soochow, by Miss Rogers at Kong Hong, by Mrs. Park at Tien Sz Tsaung, by Miss Anderson and Miss Leveritt at Changchow is a wonder and a joy. The faithful Chinese women and girls who assist them love the work as a general thing, and are not afraid of the hardships that are connected with it.

Heretofore Kong Hong, our station in the heart of the city, has never had a representative of the Woman's Board appointed solely to it. The splendid tent meetings that were held there, however, gave so much impetus to the work and gave us so many new probationers that it seemed imperative for one to give her whole time to it; so Miss Rogers was appointed there last Conference, and on returning from her furlough last November she began the work there, It has been blessed so that she really ought to live there right among

her people. She has opened a little kindergarten in addition to her other work. We are hoping that better buildings and an equipment worthy of this strategic point may be provided as soon as possible.

In West Soochow the new buildings for the Industrial School and the Kindergarten Training School have been put up during the year, and the plant is greatly enlarged. The Industrial School is entirely self-supporting and is the best feeder of the Church that we have at present. We do rejoice in the nice new building and believe that God has put his seal of approval on that work. Though the new building was not occupied until September, it was full and crowded the first day. We have no chapel for any kind of services connected with it and no reception room. We also need rooms for the daily Bible classes, which are now taught in the work room where more than a hundred women are at work and where there is no place for private exhortation or prayer. Miss Tarrant and her women's meetings are also without a suitable place for gatherings. We believe that the Lord means this need to be met, and as our Board has always denied us no good thing, we are asking for funds to build these extra rooms next year.

The Kindergarten Training Class remains small, but this year under Miss Martin has meant a wonderful development for these young women, and China is richer for it. We wish to keep reminding our coworkers that this Training School exists for them and their Chinese. We are anxious for pupils to train for any and all the stations. I believe that we can say that she that openeth kindergartens is wise at this time in China. Chinese educators are waking up to the importance of them, and shall our Church schools lag behind? We are glad to know that Miss Park has such a fine kindergarten at Tien Sz Tsaung. She holds morning and afternoon sessions, and has all the children she can receive. We have two kindergartens in West Soochow now: one managed by Miss Martin and one by Miss Yok, who was trained under Miss Cook in Japan.

The awakening in Changchow this year has been phenomenal, and Misses Anderson and Leveritt feel that the year has been full of blessings. Two additional workers there would be most gratefully received.

Our Mary Black Hospital, under Dr. Margaret Polk as physician, Miss Hood as head of the Nurse-Training Department, and Miss Mary Culler White as evangelist worker, has had gratifying results on both bodies and souls. The Medical School has taken on new activity also. We could ask nothing more for the present class than to stand as high, to work as hard, to love Christ and China as deeply, and to do as much good as those who have already graduated from there and entered on their life work. If there is anything in them that can be molded in Dr. Polk's faithful, capable hands, we have nothing to fear.

In the return of Miss Watkins from furlough during the year, the faculty of the Laura Haygood is again complete, and they, despite two very sad deaths among their best pupils and other trials, have had an inspiring year. Mrs. Coath leaves them after having given about two years of much appreciated service as missionary teacher.

Our revival meetings which have been held at almost every station during the year have given a new impetus to everybody's work, and one note of thanksgiving that we all can sound in unison at this time is: "Praise God for our increasingly capable Chinese brethren and sisters."

STATISTICS.

Missionaries	15
Missionary teachers	3
Boarding schools	2
Chinese teachers in boarding schools.....	11½
Pupils in boarding schools.....	202
Christian pupils in boarding schools.....	73
Day schools	7
Chinese teachers in day schools.....	15
Pupils in day schools.....	338
Christian pupils in day schools.....	31
Kindergarten training school.....	1
Pupils in kindergarten training school.....	6
Kindergartens	3
Graduated Chinese teacher in kindergartens.....	1
Pupils in kindergartens.....	74
Medical school.....	1
Pupils	8
Woman's hospital	1
Nurse-training school	1
Pupils in nurse-training school.....	10
Chinese physicians.....	2
Patients	6,223
Bible women.....	9
Helpers	10

LAURA HAYGOOD MEMORIAL.

MISS MARTHA PYLE. 1892, Southwest Missouri.

MISS JANIE WATKINS, 1904, Mississippi Conference.

MISS NELL DRAKE (at home), 1907, Mississippi Conference.

MISS KATE SMALLWOOD, 1908, North Mississippi Conference.

MRS. S. S. HARRIS (recently appointed to this school), 1907, Florida Conference.

MISS LONGDEN, Missionary Teacher.

Miss Martha Pyle, Principal:

The work of the year has been carried on by the following teachers: Miss Drake in the English department; Miss Smallwood, Science and Higher Mathematics; Miss Longden, piano and sight-singing; Mrs. Coath, English and History. This department is in Miss Watkins's hands since Mrs. Coath left us. Two Chinese young women, Mrs. Zao and Miss Yang, have given their time to arithmetic, primary science, and primary English. Two men teachers have been employed in the Chinese department.

We are grateful to record that Mrs. Coath's two years of work have bridged us over a hard place. Her connection with the school has been pleasant and her work satisfactory. The enthusiasm and good cheer with which she went about her work will linger with us as a bright memory.

Miss Watkins, since her return from America, has been made treasurer of the school and has taken over all the bookkeeping. This office has been a long-felt want, and the relief it has brought is quite in proportion to the sense of need so long experienced.

For the last six months I have been largely set free from regular classroom work, consequently have been able to give more attention to the various departments. The Chinese department has been brought up to a better standard. Some conditions of general interest to the school, to which I have been able to give myself, have been greatly improved. It is my conviction that if our schools are to be kept up to a high degree of excellence, or if conditions are to be made anything like ideal, the principal of a school should have very little schedule work. It will always be necessary for her to do a great deal of substitute work, which will give her ample contact with the school.

The number of students enrolled for the year is ninety-nine.

PROGRESS.

The year has brought on our first graduate—one in every way worthy. Of the four other girls who started out with her and who were of equal promise, one died; one had to be married; one's health would not permit of further study at all; and still another, because of one year's illness, had to drop back to the next class. Little wonder that her graduating essay contained some reference to the survival of the fittest. Seven girls took certificates from the intermediate department. One girl took a certificate in music.

Teachers have been faithful and classes have been eager and diligent. A survey of the year shows the progress to have been good in all the classes and in all the departments. We now have twenty students pursuing high school studies. In the laboratory the girls have been interested and interesting. The air of importance with which they left for summer vacation was due to the fact that Miss

Smallwood was sending them away equipped for collecting specimens of butterflies. They returned with something of a collection, but true to China, some of them had sent out their servants to catch the butterflies.

MUSIC.

A great deal of interest has been manifested in the music department. There have been twenty-six piano pupils. These, with the various classes in sight singing that receive instruction regularly, the training of a chorus class, and some classes in musical history, have meant full work for Miss Longden. Nice programs are furnished by the English and music departments for the literary society.

CHRISTIAN WORK.

The Bible classes are portioned out to the various teachers, thus giving each a share in this work. From ten to ten-twenty each day every class is in Bible study. The Young Women's Christian Association, under Miss Drake's direction, has been faithful in its work and has been gradually increasing in membership and effectiveness. There are twenty-seven regular members, with twenty-five associate members. This society is supporting a scholarship in the kindergarten at West Soochow.

HEALTH.

Never have we had such a variety of illness. Measles, whooping-cough, mumps, malaria, tonsilitis, quinsy, diphtheria, dysentery, tuberculosis, and smallpox have had to be reckoned with. We are put to the sad necessity of recording two deaths, not in the school, but among our pupils. We have greatly appreciated the work of Dr. Polk and her staff in some of our cases of serious illness. That the hospital is equipped to care for the sick of our institution is a great relief. We scarcely know how we could have got through the year had it been as in former years when we could not get our patients into the hospital. Two members of our senior class have lost half a year or more of work because of illness. School work for girls in China can never be of very high grade until there are stronger bodies to deal with. The physical weakness of our Chinese students is to me the most discouraging feature of all the work. In the face of climatic conditions that produce this state of affairs, there seems little hope of anything other than to plod on in the presence of this difficulty always. Could physical training along scientific lines benefit the situation? If so, it is a crying need of our work.

LIBRARY.

Since the return of Miss Watkins, she has catalogued the large donation of books that came last year from the missionary society of Clarksville, Tenn. She has taken the time to talk with the students

about the books, drawing attention to the books most suited to them individually. When the students left for the summer vacation, more than one hundred books went with them, all selected under Miss Watkins's guidance. As far as possible, when the books were returned, she had conversation with the girls on the subject matter of the books. She has added recently a large number of books in Chinese from the Christian Literature Society and from the Tract Society with a special view to Sunday reading, and for those who are not sufficiently advanced in English to read English books. Every Sunday morning books suitable for the day are put on the tables. Recently I have seen all the seats in the library occupied by girls, each deeply absorbed in a book.

HELPS BY THE WAY.

One of the most gratifying features of our work is the increasing love for the school and the spirit of helpfulness on the part of some of our students. Some girls manifest a willingness to take the place of a teacher, or of even the matron when needed, often offering to keep study hall or to take care of the sick. One graduate gave her services as teacher for two or three months, but now receives a salary. One girl who could not go on with her work returned to the school to help in various ways, teaching, performing the duties of secretary, and in other ways proving most helpful. She received no salary whatever and insisted on paying her board to the school while she worked for the school. Her service was a service of love, and was in every way beautiful. Relatives of one student who died made a gift of thirty dollars to the school.

Such is our report. It is but a travesty of the real life and effort, with all the thought and prayers, hopes and disappointments, joys and sorrows, and successes and failures—something of all these human experiences have entered into the year; but our blessings, direct from the Giver of every good and perfect gift, have exceeded them all.

REVOLUTION.

While at Conference in Shanghai we became aware through newspaper reports, excited throngs on the street, the run on banks, etc., that the revolution was taking on wide proportions. Upon reaching home, we found that letters were coming in from fond and anxious parents, calling their daughters in home before conditions should grow more troublous. Knowing the possibilities of terrible disorders in China, it was with a great sense of relief that we saw these girls returning home in safety, where their parents would be responsible for their welfare. Our first group to depart were four girls from Nanking. Later, when the destruction of life and property became so great in Nanking, we were happy to know that their families, with all their possessions, had early sought refuge in Shanghai. Three-fourths of our patrons took their families to Shanghai while

the revolution was at its height in this section. Three days after our students had gone, the remnant of Miss Atkinson's school, who had no homes to go to, came to refuge in our building. Fortunately no harm came to us or them.

After the fall of Nanking, we called our girls in again, and all are working hard bringing their studies up as best they can for the close of the term.

Since Conference Mrs. Harris has been with us, teaching four and one-half hours each day. Both Miss Drake and Mrs. Harris are due in America during 1912. Who are to take their places on our faculty?

DAVIDSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND WEST SOOCHOW KINDERGARTEN WORK.

MISS ATKINSON, 1884, North Alabama Conference.

MISS MARGARET BEADLE, 1910, West Texas Conference.

MISS NEVADA MARTIN, 1910, Mississippi Conference.

MISS DORA OTIS, 1910, Missouri Conference.

MISS MADGE HENDRY, 1911, Missionary Teacher, China Conference.

Miss Virginia Atkinson, Principal:

The faculty of the Davidson School for the spring term consisted of Misses Lester, Beadle, and myself, with six and a half Chinese teachers. Much of Miss Lester's time was given to finishing her own course of study in the Chinese language and to superintending the Industrial School, so she could not give us many hours; but what she gave was worth much to us. Miss Beadle could, of course, give us only a half a day, as she arrived last October, and had to devote the other half day to language study. Miss Annie Campbell, of Augusta, Ga., who was out here visiting her brother, Rev. C. K. Campbell, consented to help us out from October of the year before until this summer vacation with our music classes. We felt that we were indeed fortunate to be able to get her, and had not duties called her back to Georgia, we believe she would gladly have remained as a permanent member of our faculty. We feel that she has been one of our greatest blessings, and wish that she might always stay among us, because of the encouragement and inspiration of her well-ordered life.

Not only on account of the music in the Davidson School, but also because good music is absolutely necessary in kindergarten training work, we asked for a permanent music teacher for West Soochow last year. Our Board has never denied us any good thing, and as a result of our asking and their goodness they have sent us Miss Hendry for our own music teacher.

The spirit in the school is very sweet at present, and we believe that it will continue so. A number of our people joined the Church

during the year, and the two Epworth Leagues are doing well. The girls organized a literary society in the spring, and they are conducting it nicely.

As this is the charity school for this district, a number of our girls are helped with all or a part of their expenses; but there are quite a number who pay all that it costs the school to keep them. As our Church members increase all over the district, the demand for help in educating their daughters will increase also; and we must prepare liberally to do our duty by Christ's poor, remembering how many of our present valued helpers, some of whom are holding positions of honor and trust, have come out of schools of this grade. The better preparation we give them, the better work they will do. We cannot afford to feel that just any thing is good enough for them, because they pay nothing or so little. Let us look at the useful lives that are being spent for China side by side with our own, and rejoice with them that opportunities came to them, and at the same time get a vision of what our present little ones are going to mean to the work of our successors, and plan broadly for our preparatory charity schools and equip them well.

Our Christians in West Soochow support the Church, pay Epworth League and Sunday school dues, help the poor children, and have contributed liberally to the famine relief fund, also to the revolutionary cause. During the autumn the school work was somewhat interfered with because of the excitement over the revolution. When the fall of the city became imminent, the children were frightened on account of rumors; and so about thirty left as a result of letters written to their parents telling them that if they were uneasy about their children they could take them home for a time. The day before the city fell those who remained were taken, on Miss Pyle's kind invitation, to the Laura Haygood building, which was at that time vacant and which was in a less exposed location than the Davidson School. Work for the five weeks that they remained there was very irregular, but we cannot say that the Davidson School lost one entire day on account of our revolution. Miss Beadle and Miss Li, the primary teacher, went over and stayed with the girls; but as my presence was needed at home at night, I went over to daily classes.

We, our work, and property in West Soochow owe a debt of gratitude which we can never pay to Messrs. Smart and Smith and to Mr. Wo, an ex-pupil and now Vice President of the Republican City Council, who, during all those weeks of unrest and threatened danger, made it possible for us to remain at home without fear and to keep open the Industrial School, which meant a great deal in quieting the minds of the people and providing work for one hundred and sixty women, thus keeping that many families from starving, for we are in the midst of famine conditions as well as war.

Can I close this report without sounding a note of praise to God

for this revolution and for letting me be here in Soochow at this time? It is our China that is coming into her own at this time. The new China, for which we have labored and prayed and hoped, is being born, and we feel that we are not going to be disappointed. God is letting us witness wonderful things every day until we almost can say that each day contains a beautiful miracle—some pleasant surprise that our Father who graciously lets us have a part in the work keeps in store for us. All the work is receiving an impetus now that has not been known before, and we need workers as we have never needed them.

OUR NEW BUILDINGS.

The new buildings for the Kindergarten Training School and Industrial School were begun in December, 1910, and were finished and occupied in September of this year. I gave a good deal of time to these buildings, and brought some experience also into the work, so that these two houses are better built than any in West Soochow. We thank our dear friends of the North Alabama Conference who contributed the money for our Training School, and also those who gave us the Industrial School.

Our kindergarten work is a splendid success. Miss Martin, who assists in the school, says: "That the kindergarten is a success with Chinese children was proved by Miss Atkinson and her Chinese kindergartners and others at work in China before I joined them. Several distinct gains have been made this year. My own greatest contribution is a demonstration of the value of the training to the Chinese young woman. Even Miss Atkinson, with all her success in developing unpromising material, declares she has seen nothing so effective. In the work at large we may record two advances for the year: The coöperation of kindergartners as shown in the work of the Central China Kindergarten Association, and the appreciation of the public as shown by the many demands for kindergartners, the inquiries of educational bodies, and the championship of the cause by leading educators."

OUR NEEDS.

Though we have just finished these buildings and occupied them for only a half year, we are asking for an important addition to the Industrial School, which we hope will not be denied us, and we do not believe that it will. We need a chapel, two Bible classrooms, a small day nursery, and a clinic room. The chapel would also be the meeting place for Miss Tarrant's big work among the women of West Soochow. The land has already been offered for sale, and it and the building asked for will cost four thousand dollars.

We need another teacher for the Davidson School, since Miss Lester is leaving on furlough, and also a practical kindergartner.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT.

Boarding school	1
Foreign teachers	3
Chinese teachers	6½
Pupils	105
Christian pupils	48
Epworth Leagues	2
Members	58

KINDERGARTEN STATISTICS.

Kindergartens	2
Foreign teacher	1
Trained Chinese teacher.....	1
Pupils	60
Pupils in training school.....	6

WEST SOOCHOW KINDERGARTEN WORK.

The kindergarten work continues to be to me the most attractive of any done in West Soochow.

We welcomed Miss Martin at the last Conference, and she has much more that she could tell of her last year's work than she has told. Her time has been given to language study and to teaching the girls in the training class principally, and she has accomplished wonders in both, having finished creditably a two years' course in Chinese study in about nine months.

During the fall and spring terms we had one kindergarten, managed by Miss Yok, now Mrs. Van, as she was married in May. There were more than fifty children in this kindergarten during the year, and Mrs. Van, with the help of Miss Martin's girls, was perfectly equal to managing it. She gave an exhibition of a typical day's program to an interested audience at an open meeting of the Kiang-nan Kindergarten Association, which was held in our school chapel in May. It was done without one day's preparation, but it was so good that the guests would not believe that there had not been special planning.

Six little girls graduated from this kindergarten at the close of the fall term, and are all now in the primary department of the Davidson School. Their responsiveness and obedience are making them a joy, while their excess of spirits and love of freedom are making them more of a problem to those of the Chinese teachers who think that the old kind of children who had bound feet, went to sleep in school, and were willing to sit in one position all day studying one book were more easily managed. We grant that, but nevertheless we are carrying the faculty along with us in our love for and belief in the live methods. We do not know how we ever did without our kindergarten.

Seeing these girls developing under instruction and practical teaching is a great satisfaction, though we must admit that our mission's best material has not as yet been intrusted to us. We cannot have kindergartens that will appeal to the Chinese or meet the needs of China unless we have those to train who are the most worth while and who are able to study the subject scientifically as well as to take the practical training.

Miss Wu, now in America taking a normal course, and Mrs. Van, our present kindergartner, were both trained in Japan under Miss Cook; and their success makes our hearts glad every moment, but because of their limitations when they went to Japan, they are not true examples of what can be done with Chinese young women who have had sufficient educational advantages before attempting to take the training. Let those of us who are in school work and who in a measure have the deciding of these things in our own hands send some of our best-prepared pupils to Miss Martin, and we will not be disappointed in the results.

One of our own girls, who did not have the brains to take the course or even to finish our eight grades in the Davidson, was put in charge of Chinese teachers to learn practical work. She stayed for about two years and a half, and this autumn went to Kong Hong to help Miss Rogers along the lines of her training, Mrs. Van having promised to go over and assist her twice a week. That girl is finding in this work a beautiful outlet for her energies, and is doing well, though besides energy and ambition there was very little in her to train.

The Presbyterians have another of the same kind with us, and she is going to be a real comfort to them, though unable to take the course. If mediocre girls can do this much, how much better those who are brighter and who are really prepared to take the course!

At present the course must be given in English, because suitable books have not as yet been translated into Chinese. This, of course, is unfortunate; but the Kindergarten Association is doing what it can toward getting books translated, and through generous friends in America donations are constantly coming in that will enable us to get some of these books printed. Miss Wu's book of kindergarten songs and games in the Soochow colloquial is just about out now, and will be on sale at the Methodist Press in a few days. The Mandarin edition of the same will be out in about a month.

Mr. Van, one of the Anglo-Chinese College men, is studying and translating with Miss Martin now, and we hope that in another year and a half the Association will have translated enough books to enable us to give much of the course in Chinese.

Our new building, a present to the kindergarten work from the North Alabama Conference, is finished, and we are prepared to receive as many as twenty-five in the training class.

The Soochow City Council sent representatives to visit our kindergarten last year, and they were so pleased with what they saw that they immediately promised scholarships for four girls if any could be found who would be willing to be trained for them, as they wished to open kindergartens of their own in the city. So far no suitable girls have been found.

We are prepared to offer most liberal terms to any applicants from our own schools who have had preparatory English.

SOOCHOW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Miss Emma Service Lester, Principal:

September 18, 1911, was not the birthday of the Soochow Industrial School, but in a very true sense its commencement day. On this day the institution began an era of distinct and separate existence in a new building erected solely for its use. A month from the commencement day there were 116 busy women and girls in the bright new room. Twenty of these find a home here. Of the entire number, 2 are Bible teachers, 1 is a secretary, 3 are designers, 4 are assistants, 9 do drawn-thread work, 96 embroider, 34 have come in new with the new era, and already the space for workers is filled. The reception of new women must stop, but the applications come daily, and we are unable to fill all the new orders.

Fully a third of the new room is occupied with the tables of the designers, the Bible teachers' desks, and the secretary's desk. When the school was in connection with the Davidson Girls' School, the one great need seemed to be a larger space for embroidery women. Now, that in that large space must be held the chapel services, the Bible classes, Sunday school, and all religious meetings, we feel that we have but made a beginning. In no way can the great stacks of embroidery frames be gotten out of the sight of the women during the religious meeting, but always from behind them must they listen, work, or worship.

Four of the nine Sunday school classes that are held meet in this room, two on the veranda, all the *Ta-tas* in the dining room, and the other two classes in the office. Mrs. Anderson has most kindly given us an organ, and with that the only real external of the devotional services is secured. The need is a chapel, now that we have an organ; a Bible teachers' classroom, since we have the classes; and a dining room, since the women who would dine are fourscore and the present space accommodates thirty and a little more.

Of the entire number of women, twenty Church members and sixty-two probationers attend the Wednesday afternoon church prayer meeting. For the thirty-seven heathen who remain the pastor has arranged a special meeting conducted either by himself or one of his assistants in the work room.

The women are hungry; they are interested; they are responsive; they are appreciative.

Thirty-eight dollars and seventy cents was the amount contributed by them, Christian and heathen, for the Church collection during the past nine months.

We are unspeakably thankful for what has been given us and for the hope for a future so great that this year's opening will indeed seem a birth and not a new beginning.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Summary for the Year Ending September 30, 1911.

To balance forward.....	\$ 632 14
To sale of work.....	6,108 70
To donation.....	407 20
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	\$7,148 04
By materials	\$2,866 77
By wages	3,179 79
By incidentals	511 72
Balance forward	589 76
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	\$7,148 04

Miss Mary Culler White:

These are stirring times in China. We are living a thousand years in a day. Four days at that rate ought to bring us up to date, even when the four millenniums of China's history are considered. So it was that after about four days of the revolution some of us were convinced that China could *move* and that it was we ourselves who were behind the times. We had had no intimation of a widespread revolution. The outbreak came suddenly, and for a day or two we looked upon it as a local uprising, soon to be crushed. But we woke up to find that it was both well planned and widespread. In a few days—say four, to remember the millenniums by—we were shown a published plan for the republic of China, together with the photograph of the proposed President, who, by the way, is a Christian and a man above reproach.

More rapidly than anybody believed was possible the plans were put into execution. The revolutionaries had the hearts of the people from the start, and they quietly proceeded to take possession of the country. There has been fighting only in the places where a section of the imperial army was found to be loyal, and these places were few. Through the papers those at home have been made familiar with the details of the battle; but it is probable that few who are not actually in the war zone realize how much territory has gone to the revolutionaries, as it were, by

secession. The usual course has been that the revolutionary leaders would notify each city as to the time of their probable arrival, and then the inhabitants would make ready to welcome them with the white flag of the new party. It is said that in Soochow, just before the city "went over," there was actually a *white silk famine* in the stores, and that most of the stock had gone into the governor's *yamen*, which is the provincial capitol. Thus it was that Soochow changed its government without a shot being fired or a house being looted or burned. After an all-night conference with the revolutionary leaders, the governor took over the new seal and raised the white flag, with the result that within an hour all Soochow was waving with the white emblem of China's new effort for purity and good government.

The governor stayed in Soochow long enough to get matters straight, two of these matters being to cut his queue and to melt down the seal of his office under the imperial government. When all was in order he set out for the front, where he has since distinguished himself. Immediately after Soochow "fell" a squad of soldiers was detailed to do guard duty at each of the large centers where our property is located, but happily their services have not been needed, and they have proved merely a picturesque addition to the landscape.

The setting up of the new government in Soochow included the closing of the three old courts, which were each presided over, or mispresided over, by a district magistrate. Each of these courts had subofficials, secretaries, underlings, and hangers-on to the number of one thousand. This horde of people for the most part made it their business to eat, drink, smoke opium, and hinder justice, their method of accomplishing this last being to terrorize those who were trying to bring their affairs to the attention of the official. Now all these, whom the people have characterized as human wolves, find themselves suddenly out of a job, and the people are rejoicing that retribution has overtaken them at last. Even the instruments of torture which were used to extract confession from criminals are lying about empty buildings, unused at last. If our present rate of progress keeps up, the next generation will know these only as curios. The present officials, from generals and governors down, who are serving under the military government, are doing so entirely gratis. Their administration is clean, and their purposes are pure.

Nor is the change in the government more significant than the change in the minds of the people toward the gospel. They are wanting new things now, and they want Christianity along with the rest, though they but dimly know what Christianity is. They recognize in it a part of the civilization of America and Great Britain, which they desire to copy, and many of those who bitterly opposed the gospel before are openly tolerant now. Pastor Li was invited to speak at a great political meeting recently; and when he told his audience that nothing but the truth of God could save China, he was greeted with loud applause. It was

significant that no Buddhist or Taoist representative was asked to speak at the meeting, and all over this section numerous Buddhist temples have been turned into barracks, with their priests sent away to be soldiers. All of this is having an immediate effect upon our congregations and our inquirers. The latter are really *inquiring* now, and preaching and teaching has become a different matter from what it was in the recent past, the *ante bellum* days before October, 1911.

But much as we rejoice in the good the revolution has brought, we are not blind to what it has cost, and the cost is high. Just here in Soochow, besides the *yamen* employees who are out of work, there are numerous other classes who are out of work because of the stagnation of business. The silk shops get no trade, so they no longer give thread to the weavers; and thus the looms all over the city are silent. For the same reason the jewelers no longer give jade stone to the engravers, so the wheels are silent. And in place of the whirl of the loom and the grind of the wheel may be heard the moaning of the women and children who are thus left without the rice that constitutes their daily bread. And this is not in just one home or two here and there: it is in thousands all over Soochow. The jade cutters' homes are all around our West Soochow, or Mo-ka-Hwo-Yoen, work; and just after the employers shut down on the workmen our ladies there heard the people wailing beside their deserted wheels. The economic situation thus forced itself upon the attention of the missionaries, and they cast about for some way to help. They thought about issuing rice tickets, but they were warned that they would soon have a mob on their hands. Their next effort was to relieve by buying up odd pieces of jade stone which the cutters had on hand. They bought, and they got their friends to buy; but they soon came to the end of the funds which missionaries could put into jade even for the purpose of famine relief. About that time some of the missionaries decided not to give each other Christmas presents this year, but to relieve the poor instead. But with all the planning the hunger continued. Much of it came to Miss Lester's knowledge through the applications of people to get into the industrial school. Over and over the same story—husband and father out of work, stores unwilling to give out embroidery for the mother to do, no demand anywhere for the products of their skilled labor, and the family reduced to actual want. "Couldn't Miss Lester, wouldn't Miss Lester" admit the mother to the Industrial School that the family might be fed?

Poor Miss Lester! Her new building already full, a hundred women employed, and the pay roll, etc., reaching to three hundred dollars (gold) per month, to be met from sales alone! She went over her books, and, judging by her average orders, she knew that she dared not add another woman. But how could she go on refusing with the signs of suffering all around her and the cries of the hungry ever penetrating her bedroom at night? She could not. She had to find a way. And so

she bethought herself of raising a loan fund which has now been largely subscribed to on the field. This will pay the extra salaries and tide her over until the extra work can be sold. The desperate need of the people is for a means of livelihood *this winter*. So Miss Lester thought it worth while to curtail her boarding department, fill dormitories and dining room with embroidery frames, and open her doors to the Soochow women who can come by the day and embroider. It was her plan to take on a hundred new workers, and within a week after the decision was made sixty women had been enrolled, each bringing with her some responsible person who could guarantee her character. The other places will be filled all too soon, and some will be left still pleading for admittance. But to have helped a hundred, to have kept a hundred families going through a winter when war followed close on famine, and to have given a daily Bible lesson to a hundred people during this era of change and progress—who can say what it may mean either for the new hopes here or for that other kingdom where He who rules is the Prince of Peace?

By the time this is read the future form of China's government will probably have been settled and much of the article may read like ancient history. But one fact will remain, whichever side is triumphant, and that grim fact is—*want*. It will be here when the sound of the last battle has died away and the names of the warring factions have been signed to a treaty of peace. And if we are to do our part toward relieving that want, which has crept up to our very doors, the Industrial School must be kept going—going at double speed and on double pay.

After giving such a record of want and suffering it seems absurd to say that those who read this can help by providing themselves with *beautiful clothes*, and yet such is actually the case. Look up the Industrial School price list, and send a cash order to Miss Emma S. Lester for some of the dresses, shirt waists, lingerie, or table sets which will have accumulated by that time. Allow some latitude in your first order and let the school send you something that it has on hand. What you get will be artistic, and it will be your money's worth. Both Miss Lester and Miss Dora Otis, who is now assisting her, are specialists in designing; and when to their taste is added the skill of the Chinese embroiderers, the result is wonderful and artistic creations. In calculating what you can invest in this method of helping yourself and helping others, remember the sixty per cent duty you may have to pay when your goods arrive, and yet do not be frightened by it. The price charged here is made with that in view, and you get embroidery that is done by women who have begged for a place to work on a wage of ten cents a day!

This article gives a general situation and a concrete need. We want your help. Will you act?

WEST SOOCHOW DAY SCHOOLS AND WOMAN'S WORK.

Miss Mary Minor Tarrant:

The enrollment of our day schools for both terms this year has been two hundred and thirty-two. The work of the last quarter was very much interrupted by the revolution. On November 5 Soochow went over to the revolutionaries and about one-third of our pupils proceeded to leave for Shanghai or the country. However, I am glad to say that the schools were not obliged to close, and after a few weeks a number of our pupils' families, seeing that the Revolutionary Government was preserving order in Soochow, returned to the city, and the children were again sent to school.

The pupils have done some good work this year. Several received primary and preparatory certificates after finishing these courses of study.

The woman's work in Soochow has been growing steadily. Nearly a hundred probationers have been on our list during the year, and in addition to their house-to-house visiting in the afternoon, the Bible women have tried to go in the morning to the homes of those who expressed a desire to be taught to read and understand the catechisms and the New Testament. Some of these probationers have been received into the Church; two of them have offered themselves for Bible woman's work. We are hoping that one of these will be able to go to the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School very soon. The other woman is accompanying one of our best Bible workers in visiting, and we hope that it will be possible for her to go to the Bible School before very long.

The women's meetings have been more largely attended than ever before; and since the revolution began, the spirit of liberty is moving the people not only to throw off the thralldom of the Manchus, but to break away from their bondage of idolatry and ancestral worship as well.

It is a glorious privilege to be in China now and to see the interest shown in Christianity, from the heads of this new government down to the private soldiers in the army. Wonderful as it is to see queues being cut by scores, it is more wonderful to see the barriers between Christians and non-Christians being cut away. The officials have been speaking of "the people" and "the Church people." But now "the Church people" are no longer regarded as disloyal citizens of China; on the contrary, they are being looked up to in many places as leaders in the organization of the new government. Some of the Christian teachers in our schools are at the head of the Republican party here in Soochow, and are doing their best to secure a stable and righteous city government. I pray that the Christian Chinese and the missionaries may be true and faithful in the midst of this new and perplexing situation.

WOMAN'S WORK, KONG HONG CHURCH.

Miss Maggie J. Rogers :

Upon returning from furlough in December, 1910, I found myself appointed to woman's work at Kong Hong. I was not only surprised at being appointed to such a responsible place, but was almost overwhelmed with the thought. It was not easy to begin new work; and though I felt helpless, the Lord had promised to supply all my need, and I knew he was sufficient. Thanks to Miss White, the pastor, Mr. Li, and others, I found the work begun. Mrs. Loo, a graduate Bible woman from Mrs. Gaither's Bible School, had been secured for the work, and the Tien Sz Tsaung Missionary Society pledged her salary for the year as their Bible woman.

It was necessary to have an older woman and one who knew something of Soochow to work with Mrs. Loo, so Mr. Li found one who could leave her home and enter the work. These two women visit regularly every afternoon in the homes of our probationers, teach them, and invite them to services on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. The weekly meetings for the women probationers have been well attended, and the year's study has been profitable. There are five Christian women of our congregation who assist with these classes and who also do some visiting. Seven of the women probationers have been received into the Church during the year. One of the seven is now in Mrs. Gaither's School taking the Bible woman's course, and we hope that she will make a fine worker.

Another great tent meeting was held at Kong Hong this year, and we feel that much good was done, even though we have not been able to keep up with a number of those who gave their names at this time. During the meeting we appreciated having a Bible woman's home at Kong Hong and had the privilege of entertaining some Christians from other places in the district.

The workers have done faithful work all the year. Our Sunday school is a very important part of the work. I have had charge of the girls—about seventy—but we have succeeded in getting a part of them classified and have recently begun graded lesson work. Having only a little time with them in Sunday school, we began a weekly children's meeting, which was quite a success and gave us the nucleus for our kindergarten and day school, which were opened late in September. This work was made possible by the aid of Miss Atkinson and Miss Martin, who gave to me as teacher one of the women from their kindergarten training school; and while she is not a graduate kindergartner, she is doing good work, and we are glad to have her help. Miss Dun (Annie Stackhouse) is supported by the Rock Hill Auxiliary, South Carolina Conference, and I am sure the ladies would feel fully repaid if they could see what she is doing with our little children. Another young Christian woman has become interested in our

work, and we are now using her as a day school teacher. The work has had a present of five dollars to start a library. An Arkansas lady's son died away from home; and after twenty-seven years, she opened his trunk and found this bill in an envelope marked for missions. She decided to send it to me, and suggested that it be used to start a library. The gift is highly appreciated, and the workers are enjoying the books.

I have also had charge of a little day school in Wusih, a neighboring village. This school is for the benefit of the children of our Christians and probationers there. It is in the same house which is used as a Bible woman's home and is near our church. Miss White had charge of it last year, and I found it well started, the house nicely repaired, and the workers comfortably situated.

In the spring we had a mothers' meeting, at which the children gave a little program, followed by a social hour. As a result the little school had eight new pupils this fall.

The year's work has been one of responsibility, but also one of joy and great opportunity. I am just beginning to see some of the great things the Lord is about to do at Kong Hong.

SOOCHOW MEDICAL WORK.

The number of clinic patients recorded has been less and less each year for some years. There are many reasons for it. It means no failure of the individual work, since it is in proportion exactly to the decreasing numbers in the men's hospital at our side.

The physician in charge still feels that she has no time or strength for visiting sick people in their homes unless she gives up teaching, which must not be done. A source of revenue and a chance to know the people and be known is thus cut off, but one person cannot do much.

The ward patients have been more and more each year, and the general work of the hospital has improved in technique and tone. It is very well equipped in all departments except the operating room, and that is now provided for.

A small clinic is held once a week in a small room at Davidson Memorial School, thus enabling the school to be looked after and a few outside people to be seen.

The whole number of patients this year was 6,225. The patients who stayed in the wards number 612.

Miss Hood reports the ward work as follows: "The wards have been full of patients most of the time, as have the twelve private rooms until the outbreak of the revolutionary movement, which caused many patients to leave, and fewer sick people to come in. The average length of time which the patients have spent in the wards has been seventeen days. The diseases from which they suffered have been varied, being both medical and surgical in character. Operations have been done on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and number about four hun-

dred. This number does not include such small operations as tooth-pulling and the treatment of wounds and burns. The stay of patients in the wards has given the evangelistic workers the chance to teach them of our Lord, and many have believed and accepted Christ before leaving. Superintending the practical training of the young nurses and overlooking the general running of domestic affairs of the hospital have been the work in connection with the wards."

MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The Medical School has a course of five years. Because of a lack of space one class finishes half the course before another is taken in, and each class must not contain more than four or five pupils. For one reason and another the last class of four dwindled down to one, and the spring term came leaving just that one.

When the fall term opened, which was the first time we have ever solicited patronage, we had sixteen applicants. The entrance requirements excluded all but nine. Of these nine, two paid full board and tuition, and one paid half. The others were on scholarships of the following names: Waverly Hall, Martha Beane, Centenary Church Young People, Sacramento, Nellie Cordz, Francis Manns.

A scholarship in the Medical School is sixty dollars a year, and it is important that it be paid for five years.

The space at the school's command is most limited, and a new dining room and bathrooms are urgent needs.

Dr. Park very kindly consented to teach, and Mrs. Nance came to the rescue to finish out the year's organic chemistry, while Mrs. Gee added another friend to the list by teaching Latin. We were getting on rather well when the rumors of war and the secession of Soochow from the government caused the parents of the younger girls to call them all home. I took no steps to bring them back, but doubled time in teaching the senior girls and in doing more teaching for a class of nurses, who did not run away. When China New Year is over, if things are calm, they will be back.

THE NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL.

Miss Hood reports as follows: "We now have three groups of nurses: The older women who have had long experience, two in number; the women who are in their second year, five in number; and a class of probationers who have begun on their first year's work, five in number. Some of these are out because of the war.

"Our nurses' scholarships are forty dollars a year, and we have five, as follows: Abbie Smith, Eliza P. Holt, Julia A. Pratt, Pearl Davis, and Washington Street Young People, Petersburg. It is important that these continue at least three years. Nurses are furnished their board, laundry, uniforms, and books. After they have been here through their probationary period, they are paid from one to four dollars each month.

The teaching is done by the Superintendent, assisted by Dr. Polk, the native doctors, the senior medical students, and the hospital Chinese teacher. In their practical hospital work the nurses have charge of all the patients who are in the wards or private rooms and take their turns in the clinic and diet kitchen. The seniors have done out-nursing. We have not done perfect work, but we have labored faithfully, and our hearts are in the work."

FINANCES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

From America we have received during 1911 about \$1,588. Of this sum, \$1,000 was the appropriation; \$233.60 was Memorial Fund; \$260 was from scholarships (60 for one medical student and \$200 for five nurse scholarships); \$25 was for one endowed bed; and the other was in small donations. We received from our Chinese patrons, wards, a few out calls, schools, etc., \$2,400 (gold). With this money we have met all expenses of every department and for two schools. We have put in waterworks over most of the premises, have repaired extensively, have built a ward for tubercular patients (this with Memorial Fund), and have helped to equip school laboratories and library. That there is none left need not be told. The work awaits help for development.

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC WORK OF MARY BLACK HOSPITAL AND OUTSTATIONS OF SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Miss Mary Culler White:

In the hospital evangelistic work we read our commission: "Go ye into every ward and clinic and preach the gospel to every patient." The force with which we have worked to carry out this commission has been: Mrs. Mo, senior Bible woman, Mrs. Wong, junior Bible woman, half of myself, and fractional parts of two of the district Bible women. By alternating for vacations at least two Bible women have been kept in the hospital all the time, even during July and August, which were two of the hospital's busiest months.

The doctor's report for this year shows that the total of patients has been 6,223, and that 610 of these have been "inpatients" or inmates of our wards.

Sometimes we think we could reach almost anybody if they would only stay sick long enough. Our star patient of year before last, who was with us a year, is now a pupil in the Davidson Memorial, and is wanting to be a Bible woman. Our most recent star patient, the "skeleton" of last year, has now been taken from our closet and sent to the same school. Both soul and body have been so clothed that all semblance of dry bones is fast passing away. Some who have not been blessed with such long illnesses have also declared their de-

cision to follow Christ. We now have two hospital probationers in Changshu, one in Wusih, one in Shanghai, and several in Pohliaung, besides those in Soochow. On my rounds of the district I am able to look up these and to put them in touch with the Churches of their own localities.

The only really countable product in the evangelistic work is the evangelistic literature sold in our clinic and wards. We keep on hand a stock of Bibles, hymn books, apologetics, and devotional literature, and this is sold by the Bible women. In this department both money and books are countable, but even so it does not sound like much to say that we have sold about a hundred dollars' worth of such literature this year. The only way I know to make the count sound big would be to give the number of volumes sold and to give the total receipts in the coin in which the sales were made—namely: Total number of volumes sold, 1,776; receipts for same, 120.900 *cash*.

I have been on an itineration trip once a week throughout the year, July and August being excepted.

I still have four main outstations: Wusih, Changshu, Quinsan, and Pohliaung. These I have visited once a month, and by dividing the Bible women and sending them out in little groups, we have been able to have all the stations visited from one to four times a month.

We can report progress at every one of the outstations except, perhaps, Quinsan, and even that difficult station shows signs of hope in its country work. One of the marks of growth in all the Churches is this opening of chapels in adjacent villages. The pastors and their assistants itinerate to these villages and at their request I have also taken up the work. Three such places have been added to my itinerary this year, and in every one of them we have women probationers and the nucleus of a Christian congregation.

A wave of willingness seems to be passing over the country, and, while difficulties still exist, the work is more full of hope than I have ever seen it. Would that I could make you see the multitudes as I have seen them this year—under tent and in warehouse, in country courtyard, or congregated by the boat side—anywhere that the gospel was being preached. Gathered out of curiosity? Partly. Difficult to talk to? Yes; but in every city and village and in almost every service there have been those who *believed* and accepted the gospel message.

As I go about I have a good opportunity to see the changes that are going on in Chinese life at large. One of the most striking of these changes is the attitude toward cigarettes. The Anti-Cigarette Campaign was only inaugurated last June, but right where cigarette smoking was fast becoming universal among both men and women, the movement has gained such momentum that it has swept the trains, railway stations, and other public places clean of cigarettes and has put the cigarette smoker under popular contempt. And this

is China, and we have called China slow! But those of us who have watched the progress of reform in China know that the educational reform, the opium reform, and the constitutional reform all went through in this way—sentiment created slowly, and *the movement put through with a rush*. And partly because of my faith in this people who can work so rapidly after they once decide to do a thing, and more than partly because of my faith in God, I want to say that I believe that in the lifetime of some of us there will be another mighty reform—a reform that will sweep away the *idols* in a flood-tide of popular contempt. From temples and from private homes, they will be brought to public burnings or cast away to the moles and the bats. One scarcely needs the eye of faith to know that this day is coming—coming in the lifetime of *the adult multitudes who are our contemporaries*. And I challenge the Church to know what we are doing to get the masses ready for this crisis. In that hour souls will stand naked and unclothed, without hope. Are we as a mission working out any adequate evangelistic policy which will give to them the God of gods? Have we looked the map of China squarely in the face with a view to locating those country districts which it is legitimately ours to evangelize? Is it right that the Woman's Missionary Council should have only one worker in China who is free to devote her entire time to evangelistic work?

The foregoing was written before the outbreak of the Chinese Revolution and was read during Conference just as the first guns of liberty were booming around Hankow. I thought what I had written was a prophecy. I did not know that it was a proclamation. How could I know that the next three months would see the bringing in of what I had predicted? That by that time a corrupt government would have been swept away and that an enlightened provisional government, under a Christian President, and promising Christian liberty, would have taken its place? That the old calendar would have been changed and that all the superstitions clustering around China New Year would have been put out of date? That temples would have been turned into barracks and priests sent off to the war? That Buddhist convents would have been closed and the nuns set free to live as they chose? That Christianity would suddenly have been invested with a prestige which protected Christians amid all the turmoil of civil war? That people would have begun to flock to hear the gospel, saying: "We will burn no more incense and worship no more idols. We are ready now for the 'Jesus Church.'"

O friends, I did not know all this, but I meant what I said when I wrote it, and I mean it a thousand times more to-day! If you believe that the apostolic Church was weakened and that Christianity was set back a thousand years when the Roman Empire became officially yet only nominally Christian, then send us some workers to avert the same calamity here. And remember, this is not just the

Roman Empire. This is four hundred millions of people, and they are facing that crisis now. Send us *evangelists* who will preach to them, preach to the *adults* who can never be reached if we do not reach them now.

The Chinese Church is alive to the situation—alive and rising to meet it. But well the leaders know that the problems are too great for them. I am but giving you the chance to answer the prayers they are pouring out before God when I say to you: "Send them workers who can help them."

CHANGCHOW.

MISS ANDERSON, 1901, Mississippi Conference.

MISS ELLA D. LEVERITT, 1896, North Georgia Conference.

MISS TOMMIE FOSTER, 1909, Mississippi Conference.

WOMAN'S WORK AND DAY SCHOOL, EAST GATE, CHANGCHOW.

Miss Ida Anderson:

In reviewing a year's work, it seems somewhat like building a house—one brick and then another—putting in day by day the bricks that we hope will be permanent, and trying always to remember that there can be but one foundation if the building is to weather the storms. Something has been attempted, and we look at the work as it stands at the end of the year to see what has been done; and we look into the new year, grateful for the privilege of carrying forward the building. The plan of the work has been as the year before: In the morning, class work in the little school, preparation for the afternoon's evangelistic work, and classes with probationers.

When the work closed for the summer vacation, we had a large class of probationers; and after the vacation, quite a number decided to join the Church, but opposition was so strong in their homes that only two women and two girls were baptized. However, we believe that it is only a temporary opposition, and while the women themselves have been discouraged, we are constantly being encouraged by some evidence of their faith. It is encouraging that in several instances there are two or three probationers in one family—a schoolgirl, with her mother and grandmother; a schoolgirl, with her mother and brother; and one entire family, the father being baptized on his deathbed and the mother and two girls since.

With children, we are having great opportunities, and connected with our special afternoons for children is a large industrial class of little girls. My hope is to open for these children day schools for the morning which will be taught by Bible women, thus gaining access to more homes.

I have just leased the present building for another five years, and a more suitable house for evangelistic work could not be found.

A little paint and new windows have made it more attractive, and the necessary furniture has been bought. Permission has also just been given to move back against the wall the large case containing the ancestral tablets, as the officials of the new China will probably not come with the sheep and pig to offer the semiannual sacrifices, and the landlord's family have become Christians. I feel that more than space has been gained.

The sixty old women whom I pay to come once a week have about half of them become probationers, and some of them really understand the change that is necessary for a new heart. We are reaching all classes. Most of the girls in the day schools already established come from the better class, and many of the visitors who come to our meetings are from the better class also.

Our present building is too small for the evangelistic work and the school too. We rent it for something less than five dollars a month, so I feel that we could afford to take it for evangelistic work in the afternoons, for charity day schools and special classes in the mornings, and rent another house that would serve as a home for the Bible women, a first-class day school, and a home for another lady and myself. For this purpose I am asking for a larger appropriation, another missionary, and more Bible women.

NORTH GATE, CHANGCHOW.

Miss Ella D. Leveritt:

The one thought constantly in mind is, "What seest thou?" Changchow marching to Jesus. This year we have truly seen wonderful things come to pass. We thought we had a little faith, and so we asked the Lord to give us a protracted meeting and some probationers. Our first meeting in Changchow (and it was wonderful) God gave us far above what we had asked or even thought of. The people were quiet and sang after a few services as though they were Christians. Out of it came over two hundred probationers. Several of the girls and a few women became probationers. Just after the District Conference in the spring we held a two weeks' meeting for the girls and their mothers, and from this we gathered a few more probationers. From our probationers' class five girls and two women have been received into the Church.

Two of our older pupils have given their services for our street children's meetings. They gave two and a half hours Monday and an hour Tuesday.

We can get more children than we can manage. Sometimes we have a hundred or more. I wish we might have daily study for them.

During the District Conference at Wusih I asked the preachers if they could find some one who would give us a little help for a short

time. Two women volunteered from Wusih, and it was at this time that we held the meeting for the girls and their mothers.

Once a week we meet at the Midway Station for our union woman's meeting. We take our turn at leading. Instead of all of us going there the leaders are composed of workers from both places.

Thursday is our probationers' meeting. This meets after school, and the girls seem to like this service. We are studying Mark, and each time I try to give them a tract about which they tell me at the next meeting.

During the year we have enrolled sixty-four pupils. There were twenty-nine probationers, of whom five were received into the Church.

Mrs. Wong, from Wusih, brought her little daughter back with her this autumn, and as she is a Church member, we now have six in the Church.

It would be impossible to count our blessings, for God has continually blessed us, and my heart is full of praise.

HUCHOW DISTRICT.

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN, 1878, Memphis Conference.

MISS MILDRED BOMAR, 1892, Central Texas Conference.

MISS CLARA STEGER, 1894, Southwest Missouri Conference.

MISS MARY LOU WHITE, 1906, Virginia Conference.

MISS SARAH J. SMITH, 1910, Virginia Conference.

MISS ANNIE BRADSHAW, 1911, Virginia Conference.

MISS MITTIE J. SHELTON, 1911, Northwest Texas Conference.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL.

Miss Clara Steger, Principal:

Glancing back over the year just closing, we see many changes which have come to us in the school, as well as the vast and epoch-making changes which have come to this great nation among whom God gives us the privilege of working.

During the spring term we had an enrollment of fifty girls, half of that number being also enrolled in the music department. A number of these girls were from the wealthiest of the gentry families here and in Nan-zing.

A short time before the close of school we attempted the most ambitious thing we have ever done—the giving of an operetta entitled, "A Day in Flowerdom." It was a perfect success, and the largest crowds Huchow had ever seen drawn together in connection with foreigners attended two consecutive nights. This brought the school before the people far and wide and promised quite an increase of pupils for the fall term. But when schools opened in

September we were in the midst of one of the worst floods this part of China has known for years, making it impossible for many pupils to reach school for some time after the opening. We had only slow boat connection with the outside world, and the boats were so often attacked and robbed by the country people that it was not safe to try to go anywhere. Shortly before the launches started to run again the war broke out, and many students were afraid to come; and many of those living in Huchow, belonging to wealthy families, left school, as their parents were afraid to stay in Huchow, and went to Shanghai. However, we were able to continue our work with about thirty pupils. Everything has been quiet, though many rumors have circulated.

A fine spirit has prevailed among the students, and they have worked faithfully. Three grown girls, who not much over a year ago came to us from heathen families, have professed faith in Christ. These are splendid women, and we are deeply gratified by their conversion, feeling that their influence will tell for much in China. We rejoice still more over the conversion of our classics teacher, Mr. Tseu. He has been with us for over five years, and is a remarkably intelligent man, belonging to the gentry of this city. The older Christian girls have worked hard for his salvation, and now they exult in its accomplishment. Among our causes for rejoicing we must mention the addition of two new teachers to our faculty, Miss Annie Bradshaw and Miss Mittie Shelton. This means that a sore need has been met and we are grateful to the Woman's Council for these blessings.

Still we have had a deep sorrow, the loss of the principal of our music department. After four years of most satisfactory service, she left us to serve in another circle—the matrimonial—that circle which sooner or later takes in so many of our young women. Fortunately for us, she is near enough to continue teaching for us until we can secure another teacher. We are making a most urgent appeal for a first-class music teacher to carry on this work in Virginia School.

Miss Mary Lou White is at home on furlough, and while we miss her from the school, we are sure she will come back to us this fall refreshed and full of inspiration for a new term of service in the school dear to her heart.

BIBLE WOMAN'S WORK AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Miss Mildred B. Bomar:

Woman's work in Huchow and at the outstations has been carried on by two foreign workers, five regular Bible women, and seven assistants. We have occupied ten outstations and worked three centers in the city of Huchow. The general plan of the work for the year has been as follows: House-to-house visiting, weekly prayer meetings

at the different centers, special instruction to probationers, teaching Chinese characters, the Bible and the hymn book to the fifteen or twenty women who have attended the district study class, and a ten days' meeting at Voo Kaung for the countrywomen. In the spring, tent meetings at Huchow, Zang-hyang, and other places kept the Bible women busy looking after the crowds of women who came to listen to the preaching and singing.

Five new places have been supplied with Bible women or assistants to do regular work among the women, and we could have occupied many more places if we had had the workers. There are about twenty-five out of the fifty preaching stations on the Huchow District at which we would like to locate Bible women. We have six women preparing for work, and our hope is that by the end of another year we may be able to report the twenty-five stations occupied.

Three district day schools have been opened during the year in which about fifty-five children are receiving Christian instruction. Requests from two other places have come to open schools, but we have not yet been able to grant these requests.

Miss Smith has made splendid progress in the language during her one year in China, and she will soon be quite ready to take up regular work among the women. In this department nothing can be done until a working knowledge of the language is acquired. In addition to language study, Miss Smith has had classes in Memphis and Virginia Schools. This is all preparatory to woman's work. She is getting acquainted with the school children, so that later on through them she will find a welcome entrance into the homes of the people. But I will let Miss Smith tell the story for herself as follows:

"Since the day I came to Huchow until the present moment my days have been full of sunshine. Some one gave me the keynote for the year at Conference when she taught me the doxology in Chinese. Truly, happiness has become so associated with Huchow, where I have been appointed to work, that, should you ask me, 'What is happiness?' I am sure I would answer, 'Huchow.'

"I had the pleasure of teaching Miss Steger's Bible classes in Virginia School during her absence and found them a constant delight, even though I was building on 'another man's foundation.' After her return, I had most of the time for study except that I spent with Miss Bomar attending women's meetings, tent meetings, and visiting in the homes of the women, thus becoming acquainted with things Chinese. After the meetings, the women would gather around us, asking questions, sometimes inviting us to their homes. I was glad to go, even though I could only listen, speak a few words, and smile.

"In the many little things in which it has been my pleasure to lend a helping hand I have done it with a 'glad heart and free.' No task has failed to bring joy to my soul.

"My Sunday school class is a source of constant inspiration, being

composed of the most advanced pupils of Virginia School. They are always responsive.

"I am now teaching four classes in Virginia School, and the faithfulness and earnestness of the pupils call forth my best efforts. I can truly say: "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise.'"

HUCHOW CITY DAY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING MEMPHIS SCHOOL AND WEST GATE ANNEX.

Miss Lochie Rankin :

After a year of steady class work, six to eight hours daily, including eight quarterly and two annual reports, this report is to the missionary like a forced march to raw recruits after days of fighting.

The year just ending has been full of changes for the schools as well as for the nation. Famine, floods, and war have made their horrors very real to Memphis School and its annex. A few refugees from the farming district in the early part of the year found their way to Huchow and could be seen sitting on the streets in most pitiable condition. The floods came nearer home and caused some damage to the school buildings.

Of the war much was heard, though little was really known. The regular attendance was fairly good until alarming rumors caused the wealthier patrons to remove to safer districts and the poorer ones to shut and bar their doors. No words can describe the terror shown by some of the mothers when the white flags of the revolution appeared on the streets.

School reopened promptly after two days, and for a week all seemed quiet as usual, then suddenly the white flags disappeared, wild rumors were again afloat, and the number of pupils was quickly reduced to thirty-five. There is hope that there will not be another exodus, and that the refugees will soon return, now that peace seems assured. But the returning pupils will find it difficult to keep pace with those whose studies have been uninterrupted.

The financial statements for the year show heavy expenditures, but all are more than covered by the year's receipts from specials. A neat brick wall, instead of the mud one that was constantly tumbling down, a cistern above the ground, where there is no danger of sewerage or grave mound drainage, and the addition of two rooms to Memphis School promise to repay well this unusual outlay.

The weekly Epworth League meetings are becoming more and more interesting. The most advanced class enjoys the benediction of Miss Smith's presence and instruction four hours a week. Miss Shelton kindly gives an hour every Saturday to the three classes in physical culture, which is a very special help at this time. The solfeggio class mourns the loss of Miss Emma Steger, but no living organism remains long inert.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.

Shanghai District.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
SHANGHAI.		
McTyeire School..... (Clapton-Lambuth is the Primary Department.)	147	Miss Helen Lee Richardson, Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Miss Julia Wasson, Miss Bessie Houser (at home), Miss Clara Park, Miss Leila Judson Tuttle, Miss Hixson (teacher).
SUNGKONG.		
Susan B. Wilson School.....	89	Miss Alice Waters, Miss Nettie Peacock (at home), Miss Sophia Manns, Miss Bessie Combs.
Hayes-Wilkins School.....	56	Mrs. Gaither.
Outstations, 8. Day Schools, (12).....	200	Miss Irene King.

Soochow District.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
Laura Haygood.....	99	Miss Martha Pyle, Miss Janie Watkins, Miss Nell Drake (at home), Miss Katherine Smallwood, Mrs. S. S. Harris, Miss Alice Longden (music teacher).
Davidson Memorial.....	105	Miss Virginia Atkinson and Miss Margaret Beadle.
Kindergartens (3).....	74	Miss Nevada Martin.
Normal Department.....	6	Mrs. Van (native teacher).
Industrial School.....	160	Miss Emma Service Lester, Miss Dora Otis.
Woman's Hospital.....	Patients. 6,223	
Medical Students.....	8	
Nurses in Training.....	10	Miss Mary Hood (registered nurse).
Outstations, 7.....	.....	Miss Mary Culler White (evangelist).
Day Schools (7).....	338	Miss Mary Minor Tarrant and Miss Margaret Rogers.
Woman's Work.....	.....
CHANGCHOW.		
<i>Evangelistic and Educational.</i>		
East Gate.....	12	Miss Ida Anderson.
North Gate.....	64	Miss Ella D. Leveritt and Miss Tommie Foster.

Huchow District.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
HUCHOW.		
Virginia School.....	55	Miss Clara Steger, Miss Mary Lou White, Miss Bradshaw, Miss Shelton.
Memphis School.....	} 95	Miss Lochie Rankin.
West Gate Annex.....		
Woman's Work.....	.....	Miss Minnie Bomar, Miss Sarah J. Smith.

Recapitulation.

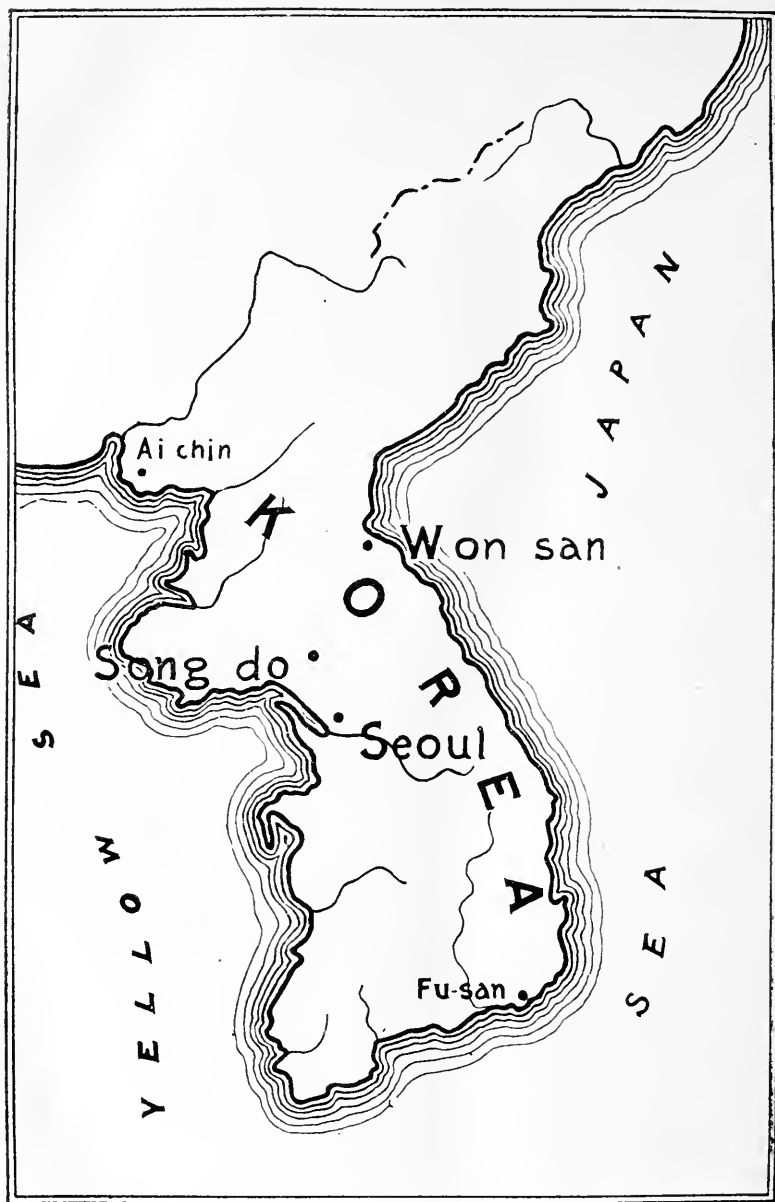
SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.	VALUE OF PROPERTY.
Huchow.....	150	7	\$ 26,500
Shanghai.....	492	12	109,650
Soochow.....	876	16	204,205
Total (36).....	1,518	35	\$340,355

KOREA.

Missionary annals disclose no miracle of the spiritual life equal to the spread of Christianity in Korea. The men of Korea have seen their national independence shattered, involving the wreck of their ancestral religious faith. Their poverty, their ignorance, their helplessness in material things have brought to them a profound humiliation of soul. At the opportune moment came the gospel with its word of hope, with its undying courage, with its sunlight on the hills of the eternal world. Its blessings offered compensation. The spirit of the missionary was at the opposite pole from the hard greed of those nations which had been making of Korea and her people a football. When all this came home to the Koreans, they were ready to take the kingdom of heaven by violence.

For the women was added the wonder of finding their own souls. For centuries it had been dinned into them that woman is so low in the scale of humanity that she has no place in the world of spirit. The gospel of the manly Christ, who himself honored women—all sorts of women, beginning with his own mother—that gospel compounded of the very strength and tenderness of woman's soul, came to the women of Korea like a breath from paradise. In return for their newly found souls no sacrifice seems to them too great. They ignore the hunger and the weariness and the discomfort of their bodies that they may feed their souls and the souls of their people with this new bread of life. Their sacrifices are heaping up a vast treasure before the throne of the Lamb. Their zeal is putting to shame the women that are at ease in our Zion. They that labor in the Word are become a great host. They are worthy of all that we can do for them, and more.

We are sustaining work by women and for women in Seoul, Songdo, Wonsan, and Choon-Chun.



SEOUL.

- MRS. J. P. CAMPBELL, 1887, Los Angeles Conference.
MISS LILLIAN NICHOLS, 1906, Florida Conference.
MISS MATTIE IVEY, 1905, Texas Conference.
MISS BERTHA A. SMITH, 1910, Southwest Missouri Conference.
MISS IDA HANKINS, 1911, North Carolina Conference.
MISS BERTHA TUCKER, 1911, North Georgia Conference.

CAROLINA INSTITUTE.

Miss Lillian Nichols, Principal:

How I wish I could personally conduct you through our school and show you our girls and let you see for yourselves the work we are doing. I am sure you would each then be ready to join us enthusiastically in our praises to our Heavenly Father for his goodness in giving us such a work to do for him. Such a work, such a God! "Hitherto, he has helped us," and we move forward "henceforth expecting" grace and strength and wisdom for all our needs.

During the year we have enrolled eighty-six pupils. There have never been more than seventy coming at any one time. Those who have left us have gone out for various reasons; some were sick, others were tempted to the government schools, probably because of what they considered superior advantages, or because more would be given them in the way of books and other school materials. We cannot keep them when they wish to go; and although we are always sorry to lose them, we feel that our school's chief work is to build up character and we know that it is only when we have the entire love and confidence of the students that we can hope to influence them.

Of the sixty-nine who are now enrolled, forty-six are boarders. These pupils represent eight grades, three in the Primary Department, four in the Grammar School Department, and one in the High School Department.

Our men teachers are all Christian gentlemen, all well prepared to teach the branches they have in charge. Our two graduate teachers are giving perfect satisfaction and are a constant joy in their general usefulness. Most of the girls are studying conscientiously and are making progress.

We have forty-six scholarships in good standing in our school, and to the kind friends who are thus evidencing their interest we would like to speak a message of thanks. Although the boarders are all on scholarships, we urge each one to pay something toward her expenses if possible, for we believe this cultivates a spirit of independence that is wholesome.

The larger girls have always made their own clothes and assisted the cook in preparing the food. They have the entire charge of serv-

ing their meals and of keeping the school as well as their rooms in order. This work is all done, of course, under the supervision of the matron. As a step in the direction of establishing an Industrial Department we put some special instruction in Korean and foreign sewing, knitting, crocheting, and foreign cooking into the curriculum. Just as soon as we can secure a Domestic Science teacher we desire to make this course comprehensive enough to give them much helpful teaching along these and kindred lines. At present our hands are so full that this course has necessarily had to be very meager.

Embroidery is considered an essential part of every Korean girl's education; and so we have an embroidery teacher, a Korean man who does most beautiful work.

It is our purpose to give the girls all the practical information we can, so that they may be the better fitted to make attractive homes for themselves when they leave us.

We believe that practical industrial education for young women and girls is one of the great needs of Korea to-day, and it is our desire to establish such a department in our school. We feel sure that such a course offered them would attract numbers of the bright young women and girls who seem to be perfectly satisfied with what they are getting at the government school. These girls come from the homes of unbelievers, and many of them, not being able to continue longer in school, are entering the tobacco factories, where they are thrown into the company of men and boys and in every way are subjected to untold perils. We hope to begin the teaching of several industries by which these precious girls may be enabled to make a living and thus be saved for the Church and Christ.

There is no doubt that this school, having not only the industrial feature but also offering, as it does, superior advantages for a literary education, will attract many women whom we could not otherwise reach with the gospel. We will need an industrial teacher and we are trusting God to call forth one from among the many young women at home so well prepared to do this work.

I wish I could make you realize the great need we have, not in the future, but right now for a music teacher. Many pupils apply for instruction in music year after year, and we are forced to refuse their application. Some of them have begun music and have had to drop it. Music means so much to them and they are so capable of learning. It is not a difficult or hopeless task that a music teacher would come to. One of our girls was so anxious to study that when she found she could not have a teacher she began studying by herself, and she learned enough to be able to play easy hymns. This is the ambition and eagerness awaiting a music teacher.

Nor can I close this part of my report without telling you of how very much we need a Kindergarten Department and a kindergarten

teacher. There are dozens of little children on the streets everywhere who are too young to come into our schools but are so much in need of some instruction.

Our need for our new building is very great, and I trust the work will soon begin on our beautiful hill property.

God has wonderfully and abundantly blessed our efforts even amid difficult circumstances, and the past year has been our best. He has graciously preserved the health of the girls, for which we render thanks to him. He also poured out his Spirit upon us and gave us a revival that touched every student. To a number of our girls he has given of his Spirit to such an extent that they are not the same. Old things have passed away and they are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Is not this the object of all our labor? We praise him and ascribe all the honor and glory to him whose we are and whom we serve.

Miss Bertha A. Smith:

When I see the advantages in language study that are open to the new missionaries this year it seems it would be easy to wish I had come a year later. But I have not wished it a single time, for I believe I came at the time the Lord wanted me here. Although I studied Korean five hours a day, five days a week with my teacher in the old-fashioned way, it did not tire me nor wear on my nerves, for I had a splendid teacher who made my study so interesting that not a few times I became uneasy because I did not feel as if I was studying hard. Besides studying Korean, I acted as Treasurer for Seoul Station and taught physical culture half an hour daily in Carolina Institute. When Mrs. Hardie left for America, I took charge of the Bible women at Water Gate, and at Water Mark Church. I am not only thankful that the Lord brought me here when he did, but that all my times are in his hands and that he is ever mindful of me and loves me.

In order that the situation, with reference to our school in Seoul, may be fully understood, there is introduced here that portion of the Report of the Board of Education pertaining to our work which was adopted at the last session of the Korea Mission, September 18-22, 1911, which refers to the

POLICY FOR GIRLS' SCHOOLS IN SEOUL.

The Seoul Station, having under consideration the question of our girls' schools for this city, make the following recommendations:

Preliminary to the recommendations we wish to call attention to the attached medical certificate. This introduces a new factor which prohibits the leaving of our girls' boarding school *in statu quo*.

We wish further to mention that since last annual meeting constant

consideration has been given to the educational situation in Seoul, so that we are now able to make definite recommendations.

1. In conformity with the recommendations of the Board of Education at our last annual meeting that the emphasis be put on day school work, we think at the present time there should be three primary day schools in Seoul: one at Chakol, one at or near Su Pyo Church, and a third at or near Su Gu Moon Church. We are glad to report that these schools have been begun on a small scale and we are grateful for the prospect of their better equipment and development. These schools should have a four years' course and do all the primary work, relieving Carolina Institute of all primary pupils.

2. That Carolina Institute teach the grammar and high school grades, covering a course of eight years. This will make the primary schools direct feeders for the Institute. As regarding boarding pupils, we find that students living in the Chakol section of the city can as a rule live at their homes and attend the Institute as day pupils. There are exceptional cases, however, where home environment makes this inexpedient. The distance from Su Pyo and Su Gu Moon sections is such as to make it necessary for the students from that section to board at the school. Students from the country contiguous to Seoul who are ready for grammar school work should also be received as boarders. For these reasons and for another which will be set forth below we recommend that provision be made in the construction of our proposed building for sixty boarding pupils, allowing an average of seven boarding pupils for each of the eight grades.

3. In view of the fact that the Methodist Episcopal Girls' School in Seoul has begun its College Department and that the Presbyterian School has decided to open a Normal Department, and further, in view of the suggestion which has been made that these schools and our school might without any union be mutually helpful by specializing along different lines and receiving pupils, the one from the other, for the purpose of preparation beyond high school grades; and further, in view of the fact that nothing is being done in our Christian girls' schools in Seoul along the line of special industrial training, we recommend that such a department be begun and developed in Carolina Institute. While this department is not to absorb or delimit the literary courses, it is to be made prominent and to take the place, as related to Korean conditions, that our best State industrial schools for girls do for American conditions. We recommend that the name of the school be changed from Carolina Institute to ——— Girls' Industrial and Literary Institute. We believe such a school would attract attention and attain a popularity in Seoul such as would not attend any other school that we could develop. This would further so relate us to the Methodist and Presbyterian girls' schools of Seoul that the college work for any girl specially fitted therefore could be obtained at

the Methodist School, normal training at the Presbyterian School, and we in return could receive their pupils for industrial training.

4. We recommend that the Ladies' Home and the Boarding Department above mentioned be erected on the summit of our beautiful hill property. These buildings are to be of substantial construction upon such plans as may be agreed to. The plans are to be prepared as soon as possible and the building commenced as soon as the plans are approved by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Council and satisfactory contract can be made.

We recommend that the classrooms be built on the lower elevations, at sufficient distance from the home to prevent danger from fire, and that these buildings for classrooms be of cheaper construction, such as wood, or concrete over laths. These buildings are to meet the present need, but others will be erected as the Industrial Department is developed.

We add the following additional reasons why the new schools should not be longer delayed. The classrooms at the present site are unsuited to good school work. There are not enough even of this kind to accommodate the different grades. It is impossible to place proper school equipment in our present classrooms, and our school cannot attain due respect and grow into large favor so long as we are working without better buildings and equipment.

“SEOUL, KOREA, June 17, 1911.

“My Dear Miss Nichols: In response to your request for my opinion of the healthfulness or otherwise of the conditions under which the girls of your school are living I would say that I have been strongly impressed with the fact that so many of your advanced students have been suffering from tuberculosis, pulmonary and otherwise, quite a number of them having already succumbed. I have been struck with the remarkable similarity of the experience you are going through to what we had in our Girls' School some years ago when our girls were housed much as yours are now.

“At that time we lost from tuberculosis most of our best girls, those who had been with us longest and who were about ready for graduation.

“We then erected a new dormitory of foreign style, capable of being well ventilated, and our death rate since then has been practically nil during a period of six years, so that we have reason to be confident that the conditions of their housing had much to do with our former losses.

“Korean houses cannot be successfully ventilated, and besides this the method of heating them is so costly that there is a strong incentive to put too many persons in a small room and thus add greatly to the danger.

“I would strongly urge you to erect your new buildings as soon as

possible, because the rooms you have have been long infected from the cases that have already occurred in them and it is exceedingly difficult to disinfect this style of building.

"I would further say that it cannot be considered safe for the missionary teachers to spend much time in those rooms, not only because the rooms are already infected but also because the air in them is impure for want of the free admission of fresh air and through the absence of sunshine, and a person's resisting power is greatly lessened by such conditions.

"We must remember that even though we give our students somewhat better accommodations than they had in their own homes we are submitting them to a greatly increased strain as compared with what they had before and they succumb more readily than they did before under even less favorable conditions; and as it does not pay from any standpoint to educate the girls only to have them become weakly or die just when they ought to become productive workers. It is really economical as well as fitting to provide conditions which will result in turning out women able to do God's work vigorously by reason of a well-balanced development, spiritual, mental, and physical.

"Yours very sincerely,

O. R. AVISON."

At the last session of the Mission, held at Wonsan September 18-22, 1911, Miss Ivey, who had just returned from home, was appointed to woman's work in Seoul, and Misses Ida Hankins and Bertha Tucker to language study in the same place. Misses Reid and Tinsley were appointed to Songdo, Miss Barker to Wonsan, and Miss Jackson to Choon-Chun. Still all of these young women went to Seoul to try the new method of language study provided for them at that place.

Miss Hankins tells of this plan as follows:

On Thursday night, September 28, we reached Seoul, and the following Monday morning found us at the Hardie house ready to begin our language study. I think I shall never forget our first day's work with the Korean teachers. We had met in the room formerly known as Dr. Hardie's study, and there was no furniture whatever in the room; the only thing there, besides the six of us and Mr. Cram and the Korean teachers, was the mat, about six feet by three, upon which we six girls sat. The four teachers stood before us and repeated a sentence in Korean, and we attempted to repeat it after them. This continued until we had said it fifty times in concert and ten times separately. The first sentence was *E-gut mu-a-u-shi-o* ("What is this thing?"), and as we saw-sawed back and forth, first the teachers and then the six, it reminded me very much of the roosters in one barnyard answering those in another. The second sentence was *Mu-a-ut ha-shi-o* ("What are you

doing?"), and the home work assigned for the second day's lesson was to bring in five verbs and five nouns obtained by asking the Korean servants or schoolgirls these two questions. The pleasure of language study began then and has continued every day since. We take a walk or play a game of basketball between then and dinner, and after dinner until bedtime we are busy getting up our lessons for the next day. This seems to be a great deal of time to spend in studying, but as it is all so well planned by Mr. Cram it is not hard.

When we first reached Seoul everybody was so nice to us and we had so many invitations to dinners and social gatherings that we held a meeting and decided not to accept more than one invitation a week, because we knew that we had to make the best use of our time, since our language class was to last only five or six months.

The first thing to do was to get some chairs and tables, so on two afternoons after school we went down town to get these and other necessary articles. On these shopping trips we learned how nice it would be if we could say in Korean, "What does this cost?" And Mr. Cram, realizing our need for such expressions, soon gave them to us in class and now we are not quite so helpless when we go shopping. At first we began school at eight in the morning. We still begin at the same time, but at a different hour because the Japanese on January 1 moved up the time half an hour, so what was half past eight is now nine o'clock. We have an hour and a half off at noon and study in the afternoon until four thirty.

The great Forward Movement among our women in the homeland interests me very much and I am praying that as a result of this movement many of our young people may decide to offer themselves for the foreign field, because there is so much work to be done and so few to do it.

SONGDO.

MISS ELLASUE WAGNER, 1904, Baltimore Conference.

MISS CORDELIA ERWIN, 1905, Memphis Conference.

MISS MARY F. JOHNSTONE, 1908, South Georgia Conference.

MISS LILLIE M. REED, 1911, East Oklahoma Conference.

MISS HORTENSE TINSLEY, 1911, South Georgia Conference.

HOLSTON INSTITUTE.

Miss Ellasue Wagner, Principal:

Is there anything too hard for Jehovah? Here is God's loving challenge to us to-day. He wants us to think of the deepest, dearest desire of our hearts both for ourselves and for the work he has given us to do, something as yet unfulfilled; and that thing, if we know it to be his expressed will, God intends to do for us if we will but let him have his way with us. When I remember what Jehovah has done

for us in the past in Songdo in spite of the smallness of our faith I feel ashamed that I have at times felt the weight of burdens and seeming failure. He has done mighty things for us and he will do still greater.

I rejoice over the many victories and blessings which have crowned the school life this year, but there have been times when the responsibility would have been crushing were it not for the presence of the Master and the assurance that it is his work, not my own, and that he is abundantly able and willing to bear the burden. So far as other missionaries are concerned I am alone in the school at present; Miss Johnstone took two of my classes until the Bible school opened, but after that she had her hands full with the work there. I wish here to express my appreciation for the efficient help given by Mrs. Deal in teaching the classes in physical culture, Mr. Deal in teaching the Sunday school teachers' normal class, and also Mrs. Higgins in teaching instrumental music to three of the oldest girls.

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN SCHOOL.

All of our eighty-three boarders are professing Christians, and most of them are from Christian homes, and while a number of the day pupils are from heathen homes they all hear the gospel every day at the chapel in the opening and closing exercises. Not long ago I was somewhat surprised when I asked all those who loved Jesus to hold up their hands, and every one, without exception, responded. We have students' prayer meetings and Sunday school in the school besides the regular church services. The teachers in the Sunday school are the girls in the High School Department, and they also teach in the afternoon Sunday school for children under fifteen which Mr. Deal conducts in North Ward Church, where they have over two hundred pupils, many of them from heathen homes. We have planned for a revival service in the school this month; the girls seem ready for it and with some I believe there is real heart hunger for a deeper spiritual life, a new heart and a closer walk with the Master. Some of the girls are earnest and beautiful in their Christian lives, others are only learning the first principles, while many seem indifferent or careless.

DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE.

Next to that of spiritual development, Korea's greatest need to-day is training in the arts of home making and industry. It is a poverty-stricken language that has no word corresponding to "home," and such is the language of Korea; and poor the woman who cannot develop the peace and joy of a real home even in a straw-thatched hut.

To girls who have lived all their lives very probably in one tiny, bare room with a stone floor and almost no furniture, the mere living in a house like this and the work of housekeeping is an education in

itself alone. There is a woman in the kitchen to superintend the cooking, but our girls do all the housework. Ten of the older girls are "directors of housework" and each has under her direction seven or eight other girls; the work is also divided into ten parts or divisions: (1) cooking, (2) dining room work, (3) chapel, (4) classrooms on east wing, (5) classrooms on west wing, (6) halls on first floor, (7) halls on second floor, (8) halls on third floor, (9) gymnasium, (10) lamps. Every week the work is changed and the tasks revolve in regular order, so that in ten weeks each girl has been on each kind of work. Comparing the well-kept rooms with the filth and confusion of the ordinary Korean house, you would be convinced that no girl could stay long under these conditions and not be anxious to have her home clean and neat.

The dormitory rooms are not large. They have in them little single white iron bedsteads for six, some for four, and some for two. The Koreans are accustomed to sleeping on the hard floors, which are kept heated all the time, but we believe in the more sanitary method and have for the little bedsteads, each a little closely woven Japanese mat, or *Ta ta me*. These rest on wooden slats, look very neat, and are said to be very comfortable. In the morning the girls fold their comforts in neat piles on their beds. The only other furniture in the room is a chest of drawers, with places for the clothes of each girl, a washstand, and round straw mats on the floor for the girls to sit on. It is our earnest desire that the girls who go from Holston Institute shall be prepared to meet the duties of life, and not only able to teach others and to present the truth to those who do not know the way, but also that they may become successful home makers. Hence the student must not only study her books diligently but learn to make her own clothes, mend, cook, and keep the house in order. Several of the older girls have each a younger girl under her care, little orphans who are too young to sew for themselves, and it is the duty of the older girls to keep the clothes of their charges in order. We have as matron a splendid Korean woman who loves the girls and gives Saturday mornings to cutting out and fitting their clothes. The bedrooms and also the ten divisions of housework are graded each morning, and at the close of school a prize will be given to the girls who have done the neatest work.

Two hours per week are devoted by each grade to needlework, such as crocheting, knitting, and embroidery. The teacher in charge of this department is a graduate of the Government Industrial School in Seoul, and does some beautiful work. After our Christmas entertainment and tree, to which all the parents were invited, we had an exhibition of this work done during the fall term; shawls, caps, gloves, scarfs, bags, and various fancy articles, which were afterwards offered for sale.

STUDENT BODY AND CURRICULUM.

Our course covers eight years—five in the “So-Hak” (Grammar Grades), and three in the “Kodung” (High School). Since it is only seven years since the school was established it will be a year from the closing exercises of this term before we have our class of graduates. Last June twenty-five splendid girls received their certificates from the So-Hak and advanced to the Kodung, which made it an occasion of great rejoicing to them and to their parents.

We had one hundred and thirty enrolled during the fall term; among the boarders there are a large number who pay all their expenses in the school, some others who are able to pay only a part, and a number of others whose parents are so poor that they cannot assist at all. The latter are sustained by scholarships sent from America. We believe that when at all possible the parents should be required to do all that they can for the education of their daughters. Many of them take delight in doing so. There are one or two cases where I know they deny themselves necessary things at home in order to keep the girl in school, yet the very self-denial makes them stronger and more appreciative of their blessings. Not long ago a poor man walked fifteen miles and carried on his back rice for his daughter's board. When he got here it was bitter cold; his feet were wrapped with old rags to keep them warm, but his hands were red and bare. After I settled with him I went to my room in tears, yet when I thought of his bright, happy face, I knew that it was a privilege and a joy to him to do this for the little girl.

The precious girls are our constant joy and pleasure; if there were nothing else in this work but the reward of seeing their progress and development this would be a rich and glorious recompense. God grant to Holston Institute the privilege of sending forth hundreds of girls, each a light amid this heathen darkness, each with heart aflame to do and dare for Jesus, each one willing to spend and be spent, taking no account of the cost.

Miss Mary F. Johnstone, who has had work in the schools, tells of the Mary Helm School and the East Ward Day School:

MARY HELM SCHOOL.

This school, with its fourteen pupils and three teachers, carries on its work in a nice Korean house slightly removed from our compound. It was deemed expedient for this school to have its own boarding department. The girls prepare their own food.

The pupils are young widows, and in them centers our hope for teachers for the many country schools now unsupplied. The Bible School course is unsuited for normal work, and those who have given much thought to this work deem it inadvisable to place married

women with our young girls. Country teachers are a crying need. There are already applications from the country, from Seoul, and from Choon-Chun, for the admission of students next year.

EAST WARD DAY SCHOOL.

The eager, bright little faces, twenty-seven in number, in this school, are my joy and pride. In accordance with the government regulations for schools as outlined by the Minister of Education for Holston Institute, the necessary changes have been made in our day school curriculum. This fall knitting has been added to the course, much to the delight of parents and children. The little folks, seated on the floor, needles in hand and following instructions, form a beautiful picture. Some of them are almost too small to handle a needle.

The new building has not yet been begun, so the church is still being used as a schoolroom. We are grateful for the generosity of the Butler Vanguards, of Memphis, who have supplied the money for the school building so long needed. Just now we are waiting for three reasons: First, it is almost impossible to do building work in freezing weather; secondly, the Church policy for Songdo has not yet been definitely decided, and as we have long since concluded that it was best to have our school for a given district as near as possible the church of that district, we are now waiting for the brethren to decide on the location of their new church, when we will buy adjoining property for the Church school; thirdly, the money is not in hand for the purchase of a lot.

The native teacher, a diligent, earnest, whole-souled Christian woman, has a wonderful influence over children, and through these children over their heathen parents. Our worst enemies in the homes are the aged, ignorant grandparents, who wield unlimited influence upon each member of the family circle, and oftentimes from willfulness stop the children from the school. Eunice, the teacher, is not an educated woman, but has had some months in the Bible school, and studies at night that she may keep ahead of her pupils. She also attended a summer school at Holston Institute. This past year she studied Japanese under a Japanese Christian and is now teaching this language to the children.

For a month before our annual meeting at Wonsan, the little people put aside all books at three o'clock, and bowing their heads, prayed for the bishop, the annual meeting, and each missionary.

Mrs. Collyer (*née* Miss Carroll) has worked during the year most effectively, making trips through the country, visiting villages, and taking the gospel to hungry hearts.

Mrs. Collyer:

ITINERATING.

At the last annual meeting the missionaries, realizing as never before the urgent need of evangelistic work in city and country by both the lady workers and the Bible women, resolved that the Bible schools for women be conducted this past year for three months only. In this way much work among the village and country people could be accomplished. On one trip I spent several weeks in the country, having two Bible women with me. I attended four Quarterly Conferences. At each of the four places I spent three days, holding morning meetings for the Christian women. In the afternoons the Bible women and I and the more earnest of the Christian women went out by twos and threes and did house-to-house visiting, giving out tracts as we went. While a number of the homes had only the children and the aged in them, we usually found the women grouped here and there on rice threshing floors; and there we stopped and talked with them for a while, left tracts with them, and then passed on. Among the women with me was one very earnest soul who before she became a Christian had been a noted sorceress for more than twenty years. At these Conferences there was always a number of women who wished to be baptized, and I was able to assist the presiding elder by catechizing them while he examined the candidates among the men. When Miss Johnstone was with me she held meetings for the children.

BIBLE WOMAN'S WORK.

Nine Bible women have worked exclusively in the country. Thirteen are within the city, a number of whom have been sent out to work in the country at times. Five of these visit the North Ward section of the city, one of them preaching to the women who come to the dispensary of Ivey Hospital, four in South Ward, two in East, and three in West Ward. There were five Bible women students in Mary Helm School, but they are yet rather young for house-to-house visitation.

The Bible women have visited about eighty-five villages, and of these I have visited eleven. Miss Johnstone was with me at four of them. She visited about twelve alone, making twenty visited by the missionaries. We do not include those at which we stopped for our convenience. Twenty-three scholarships have been received.

JOY HARDIE BIBLE SCHOOL.

This school ran a very successful three months' term; but owing to the shortness of the term, there were no graduates, although there were six in the Senior Class. In the faculty there were two missionaries and two native teachers, graduates of the previous year. We enrolled fifty-three students, with a regular attendance of fifty. Of these twenty-nine were boarders. They were gathered from nineteen

different circuits. Most of them expect to return this year, as do a few former pupils who are waiting to be called back when they may fit into the curriculum as it is now arranged. Much good is being accomplished through this and other Bible schools in Korea.

WONSAN.

MISS MAMIE D. MYERS, 1906, South Georgia Conference.

MISS HALLIE BUIE, 1909, Mississippi Conference.

MISS SALLIE KATE COOPER, 1908, North Georgia Conference.

MISS ALICE DEAN NOYES, 1910, North Georgia Conference.

MISS MYRTLE BARKER, 1911, Kentucky Conference.

LUCY CUNINGGIM SCHOOL.

The Lucy Cuninggim School is strictly a boarding school, no day pupils being received. There are six grades in the Primary Department and four grades are provided for in the High School Department, though at present only three grades are taught. The teaching force consists of three Korean men, one Chinese embroidery teacher, one Japanese teacher; the seven oldest girls assist in teaching the Primary Department. The enrollment was eighty, of whom some paid two *yen* per month and clothes, others furnished clothes only, while others still had everything given to them. The total amount received for board during the year is 308.37 *yen* (\$154.18); receipts from sale of embroidery, 398.11 *yen* (\$198.05). The girls are taught Korean sewing, assist with the cooking and laundry, and have a garden plot of their own. The building has been crowded to its utmost capacity, and numbers of applicants had to be turned away. The new building is nearly completed, and there will be general rejoicing when we can move down to it.

Miss Alice Dean Noyes:

My first year in Korea was spent principally in language study, though an English class in day school in Choon-Chun claimed a part of my time. In June, a trip was made to the country, when there was an opportunity given for talks to the women. In September I was sent to Wonsan, where I am teaching in Lucy Cuninggim School, giving my time to classes in English and in the Bible. On Sunday I have a class composed of the day school pupils and street children. The number has increased from forty to one hundred and twenty. The opportunities for helping these Koreans are boundless, and I am asking the Lord to use me for his glory.

ALICE COBB BIBLE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN.

Miss Sallie Kate Cooper, Principal:

The Bible school opened with many new faces among the women, some of whom were fresh from heathenism and not yet accustomed

to Christian ways. Many of them made sacrifices to come, one working diligently to make a bolt of silk to sell in order to pay her rice bill, another working hard to gather the crop of rice to bring it in. These women often sell their silver rings and brass ornaments to get money with which to buy Bibles and the books needed in the Bible school.

There are sixty women boarding in the Bible School. The day students number twelve. Five women in the highest class will finish the course in March. They are all Bible women and have been in the service several years.

We have twenty-two Bible women now and several women whom we expect to become Bible women at the close of school this year. I was glad to learn that some of our women who had studied the three months last year had gone back home to teach others what they had grasped themselves, and were doing splendid work in the country villages, where there were no regular schools for the women.

Every Friday evening we have a prayer meeting for the women in the school. On Tuesday evenings they go out to the different villages and hold Bible classes, teaching the women Mark's Gospel. They study in the morning, and visit in the city in the afternoons when they do not have prayer meeting or classes at night. The city is divided into districts; we send the women out by twos and they go from house to house taking the Word and teaching the women of the Christ who died for them.

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Peerman have been a great blessing to the women in the Bible school, and we could not have gotten along without their assistance. Three Korean women have helped in the teaching, giving a part of their time to Bible study. Another one has given her whole time to teaching.

Last fall I made two itinerating trips into the country to conduct Bible classes for the women in some of the larger towns, and to hold services with the women in some of the country churches. In many of the places I found our Bible women and had the opportunity of seeing them in their successful work. A course of study is prescribed for women to do in their own homes, and when they stand the examination a certificate is given to them. They value these very highly. This year the course is a thorough study of Mark's Gospel, James, and the young people's catechism. Many of the women and girls in the country have joined the classes and are studying diligently.

The work among the women has been a great joy to me, and I have never been so happy as when I sat on the floor with them, teaching them the Word of God. Together we sat at the feet of Jesus, and realized he alone could satisfy. Daily I thank God for the privilege of working in Korea.

THE WONSAN DAY SCHOOLS.

There are two day schools in Wonsan, one called the Mildred Ross and the other the Chung Ni Girls' Day School. The average attendance has been eighty and ninety girls. In each school we have three teachers, one man and two women. Mrs. Peerman has had charge of the schools. These schools have been a blessing to the Church, as the children in some of the homes have been the means of leading their parents unto Jesus.

CHOON-CHUN.

MISS LAURA EDWARDS, 1909, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS CARRIE UNA JACKSON, 1911, Memphis Conference.

DAY SCHOOL AND WOMAN'S WORK.

The presiding elder of the Choon-Chun District says, in his report to the annual meeting: "Perhaps the most noticeable progress in the whole district has been in the woman's work, and this is largely due to the good work done by Miss Edwards and her Bible women. Miss Edwards has itinerated faithfully and has done a high quality of work in every respect."

Miss Laura Edwards:

At one of the meetings held in Choon-Chun for Bible study there were twenty-seven women present, some of whom had walked thirty, some forty, and a few fifty miles to study the Bible during the days of the meeting. The girls' school has opened and is doing nicely. There are twenty-two bright girls in it. Owing to the lack of teachers for day schools throughout the country, it is necessary to take some pupils here for primary study. These pupils are not small children; some of them are fourteen, fifteen, and even sixteen years old, but have had no opportunity to go to school.

Many Korean girls must leave school by the time they are ready for the fifth and sixth grades, so the school at Choon-Chun must be primary in its grades and have features connected with it that will fit its students for home making. We now have Korean cooking and sewing taught in the school. No children are taken whose parents are not making sacrifice and helping to support them, but none of the people from the country are able to pay full board and tuition for their children. The Board of Education in their report to the annual meeting asked that the \$5,000 known as the Humbert-Wightman Memorial Fund be placed in Choon-Chun, a part to be used in the erection and furnishing of a home for women missionaries, part in providing a girls' school in Choon-Chun with small boarding department, and the remainder to be used for day schools throughout the district. God

is blessing our work in every department, and we propose to claim this land for Christ in the name and in the strength of our God.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN KOREA.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
SEOUL.		
Carolina Institute	86	Mrs. J. P. Campbell (at home), Miss Lillian Nichols, Miss Bertha A. Smith, Miss Ida Hankins, Miss Bertha Tucker.
Day Schools, 3		
Woman's Work	80	Miss Mattie Ivey.
SONGDO.		
Holston Institute.....	152	Miss Ellasne Wagner, Miss Lillie Reed, Miss Hortense Tinsley.
Joy Hardie Bible School and Woman's Work.....	53	Miss Cordelia Erwin.
Mary Helm School.....	} 36	Miss Mary F. Johnstone.
East Ward Day School.....		
South Ward School.....		
WONSAN.		
Lucy Cuninggim School	80	Miss Mary D. Myers (at home), Miss Hallie Buie, Miss Alice Dean Noyes.
Alice Cobb Bible School.....	72	Miss Kate Cooper.
Mildred Ross Day School	130	
Choon Ni Day School.....	35	
CHOON-CHUN.		
Day Schools and Woman's Work	22	Miss Laura Edwards, Miss Carrie Una Jackson.
Total (14)	760	17.

Value of property, \$75,000.

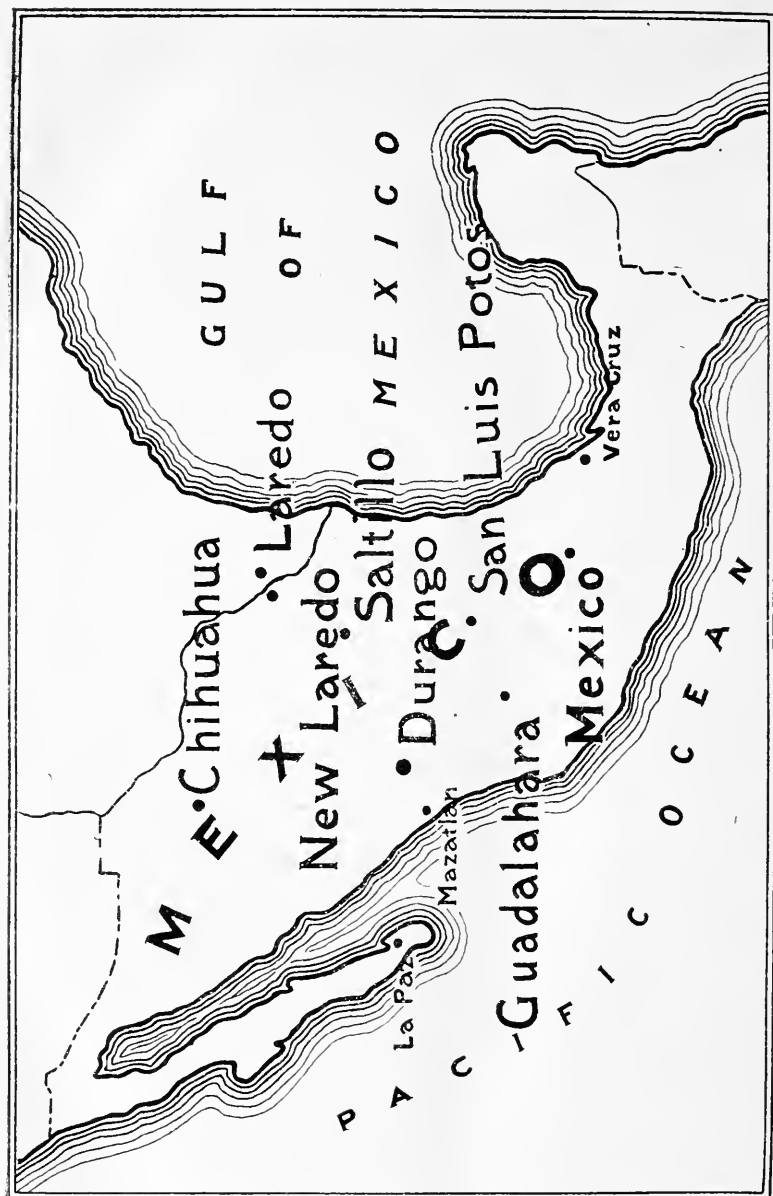
MEXICO.

Our Church began work in Mexico in 1873. The woman's work began in 1881.

The sharpest indictment that can be brought against Roman Catholicism is that it degrades womanhood. Despite the gross heresy by which it exalts the mother of Jesus to a place alongside of, even above, her own divine Son, and the seductive appeal thus made to the feminine heart by offering in substance the worship of a female deity, it is true still that Romanism's greatest offense is the actual condition of womanhood in Catholic countries.

Perhaps the exaltation of Mary ought rather to be mentioned as one of the influences tending to degrade womanhood. Certainly it draws strongly on the sympathies of women and gives the Romish doctrine a peculiarly powerful hold on feminine thought. But to accomplish this at the cost of dethroning the divine Redeemer cannot fail ultimately to prove a detriment to the very spirits that are attracted by it. God is still a jealous God. It is not so much that he resents personally the homage given to another, or that with profound insight he forecasts the disaster that comes to the human spirit when given to any kind of idolatry. Mariolatry is idolatry, however far removed from the grosser materialistic forms of it.

But whether or not we attempt to trace back to its origin the doctrine which has caused it, the condition of womanhood in Roman Catholic countries speak for itself. It is a condition that must be remedied, and for which no other remedy is so prompt and so efficient as the gospel. With the preaching of the gospel go schools and the exaltation of the individual. An ignorant woman is always a helpless woman, and a helpless woman is sure to be a prey to man's cruelty and domineering spirit. What woman in Mexico and in other countries dominated by Catholicism suffers and has suffered can only be meas-



ured by the blessings which evangelized Christianity brings to womanhood.

It is natural that the ministry of women to their sisters in these backward nations should begin first with the school. Our schools in Mexico have already achieved the notable result of forcing the Roman Church to give in its institutions the substance as well as the shadow of true education. They have been also in Mexico powerful stimulants to the development of the public school system. Better still, they are sending out a constant stream of fresh, sprightly, modest, virtuous, fearless young women to mingle in a society where woman's attitude has too long been one of timid submission to wrong, of hopeless accession to evil. That the womanhood of Mexico abounds in native vigor, intellectual sprightliness, and domestic virtue history supplies a thousand proofs. From the days when an Indian maiden's devotion to Cortez made his conquest of the Aztec kingdom possible, to the noteworthy devotion of Mrs. Madero to her husband in the revolution of 1911, fine stories of what Mexico's women are capable of are never wanting. Though these are troublous times in that country, the future of our work is bound to be that which its sincerity and past success warrant.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Laredo and Saltillo are in this Conference.

LAREDO.

MISS NANNIE E. HOLDING, 1883, Kentucky Conference.

MISS DELIA HOLDING, 1892, Kentucky Conference.

MISS EDITH PARK, 1896, Texas Conference.

MISS LAURA V. WRIGHT, 1897, Baltimore Conference.

MISS ANNIE CHURCHILL, 1897, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS ELLIE B. TYDINGS, 1889, Florida Conference.

MISS HARDYNIA NORVILLE, 1909, Alabama Conference.

Report of Miss N. E. Holding, Principal:

A few weeks after my annual report for 1910 had been sent to our Secretary, I met with a severe accident, which incapacitated me for active service. Up to the time of the accident, I had been unusually

strong, attending to my office work and Bible classes with almost the enthusiasm of youth. After the fall, I could only help in the work with a word of advice now and then. My sister took up the reins of government, which she has so often done when I had to drop out temporarily. At the close of school, my physician said it was imperative that I should be relieved from responsibility for some months, in order to recover from the nervous shock which I had sustained. Acting upon this advice, I asked for an indefinite leave of absence. As I was not strong enough to do without my sister's attention, she came with me to Kentucky. I am glad and thankful to say I am well once more, and we both are impatient to return to the work that holds our hearts. During our absence we have been in almost daily correspondence with Miss Park, who has so faithfully and courageously carried on the work. Our hearts have been made to sing recently over the conversion of children from our Sunday school and Bible classes, children for whom we have trusted so long. The words spring to our lips, "Faithful is He—who also will do it." As the words come we pray He may yet give us other years of service. I have to leave to Miss Park and the other dear missionaries to report the work in detail, but I must say that in no year have I felt that the work has made greater advancement than in the one just closing, and never has there been one with heavier trials. A trial probably greater than any other has been the constant unrest of the people we serve. I most earnestly ask believing prayer for the salvation of Mexico.

Report of Miss Edith Park. Principal *pro tem.*:

Our year's work opened with very unsettled conditions in Mexico which, though they did not affect us materially, caused a feeling of unrest and anxiety in the school even until the closing in May. In February we enjoyed a visit from Bishop Mouzon which was an inspiration to us. Our children did good, steady work in school, and we closed in May with two full graduates. Rev. W. F. Quillian, of Laurens Institute, Monterey, preached our baccalaureate sermon and delivered the address to the graduates.

Summer brought its usual work of repairing and renovating. Miss Holding and Miss Delia Holding left us in July for a season of rest in their Kentucky home. The vacation passed all too quickly, and before we realized the fact the time for reopening school was upon us. Our boarding departments, both for boys and girls, have been constantly full through the year. We have several times wished that our walls were elastic, for we have more than once been obliged to contradict the adage, "There is always room for one more."

Miss Norville came to us soon after the opening of school. Besides her school work she has had special charge of our Sunday school and League work, and a more wide-awake, enthusiastic Sunday school I think you could not find anywhere. Miss Wright has given one-half day to the Bible classes in our different grades and half a day to the work in town, visiting with the Bible women, etc. Miss Churchill has given a portion of her time to the schoolroom and a part to the home.

Our protracted meeting which we usually hold in December was not held until January, 1912, but we feel that it was a part, the crown, of the year's work and so report it also. Rev. E. B. Vargas, of our own Palmore Institute, conducted the meeting. Full of God's spirit, and with a heart on fire with love for his own people, he brought us a great blessing. Fierce battles were fought and victories were won. One of our day pupils was driven from her home because she wished to join the Church; her mother, however, the next day relented and she was able to take the step she desired without disobedience to her parents. A class of twenty-eight was received into the Church on the Sunday the meeting closed. A very earnest spirit and a deep desire to remain faithful and manifest their profession in their lives seem to characterize those who have come out on the Lord's side. For these blessings and manifestations of God's power we are deeply thankful. We have longed for the presence of Miss Nannie Holding and Miss Delia Holding, and trust the day is not distant when they will again be with us.

SALTILLO.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS, 1887, North Texas Conference.

MISS FRANKIE HOOPER, 1911, Missouri Conference.

Miss Lelia Roberts, Principal:

During the first six months of the year 1911 I was unavoidably absent from Saltillo. On my return, June 15, I took up the task of reconstructing and reorganizing the school. So spontaneously did the patrons and other friends of the institution offer their assistance, that within three months difficulties which seemed insurmountable had been overcome and we joyously beheld the dawning of a new era of prosperity. The month of August was spent in completing the courses of study that had been interrupted in April.

When the new session began in September the number of students matriculated exceeded the total numbers of former years, being sixty-one in the Normal Department and one hundred and seventy-eight in the other grades. With an appropriation of \$8,850 (United States currency), we are teaching the same courses of study the State Normal teaches, where the appropriation is \$35,000 (United States currency). We have two hundred and thirty-nine students; the State institution

has six hundred and thirty-two. It is evident the Lord's money is not being wasted.

El Abogado Cristiano, organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico, endeavored to find out how many Protestant schools in the Republic had been invited officially to send a representative to the National Congress of Teachers held in the City of Mexico last September. The investigations revealed the fact that the Methodist Normal School of Saltillo was the only one. We sent Prof. Candor Guajardo, who worthily represented us.

On October 17 we were favored with a visit from President Francisco I. Madero, the hero of the recent revolution in this country, who had just been elected its Chief Magistrate. He addressed our student body for about thirty minutes, speaking most encouragingly of the rich and seasoned fruits Protestant schools are producing; he promised to lend them his moral support.

During a series of revival services held in the month of November, twenty-five students were received into the Church as members in full connection; fifty-six of the sixty-one normal girls are Protestants, as well as a large number of those in the lower grades.

We have secured and paid for one of the most valuable sites in Saltillo, on which to erect the new building. It is two hundred and eighty by three hundred and twenty feet and faces the principal park in the city. The governor, Sr. Venustiano Carranza, a man of fine spirit and progressive ideas, has promised to buy our old building in July, if he remains in office and the funds on hand then will justify the outlay. On the strength of his promise I am asking the Council for only \$55,000 (United States currency) for the building and furnishing of our new school, in addition to what has already been appropriated. The plans I send you have been examined and approved by Mr. Theodore Abbott, Civil Engineer for the State, and Mr. Alfredo Lilliendahl, who built the railroad from Saltillo to Torreon. They are drawn by expert architects.

Some weeks since Congress granted to Governor Carranza the privilege of helping worthy institutions of learning not belonging to the State by giving them an appropriation of from \$50 to \$100 per month. After considering the merits of our school he decided to grant us the maximum amount, which means \$1,200 (Mexican currency) a year. Only one other Protestant institution in the country receives help from State or Federal treasuries. We assume two obligations in accepting this money: (1) We promise to conform our course of study to that prescribed by the State laws. (2) We agree to teach a limited number of worthy students whom the Governor will recommend. We have been complying with the first requisite for seventeen years; by means of the second a most desirable class of students can be secured.

Miss Hooper was sent to me last fall, and is fitting into the work splendidly. She is a woman of beautiful spirit, and is happy amid her new surroundings. She says: "The work here is wonderful and the possibilities will be unlimited when we get our new building. I never have seen lovelier girls anywhere. They are studious, kind, and unselfish, working hard every day that they may become capable teachers and help to dispel the darkness of ignorance that envelops their sisters. But sweeter than all to me is that they know Jesus Christ and that he really lives in their hearts. I am like all other new missionaries, in that I think I have the very best appointment and I am praying earnestly that God may use me each day in bringing some one closer to him."

There is no limit to the influence our Normal School in Saltillo may exert in the future if you will continue to sustain it by your prayers and will appropriate for its enlargement the amount asked for in our estimates.

Mrs. Cobb, who visited us recently, Bishop Hendrix and Dr. Cook, who have just left Saltillo, can tell you of our needs and of the marvelous opportunities here.

STATISTICS.

Members of Sunday school	207
Members of Senior Epworth League	76
Members of Junior Epworth League	39
Members of Church	167
Members of Missionary Society	116
Students in Normal Department	61
Students in Academic Department	135
Students in Oak Cliff Day School	43
Total number of students	239
Value of old property (United States currency)....	\$20,000
Value of new property (United States currency)...	17,500

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION.

This Conference includes San Luis Potosi, City of Mexico, and Guadalajara.

SAN LUIS POTOSI.

MISS FRANCES B. MOLING, 1898, Missouri Conference.

MISS SUE T. FORD, 1900, Kentucky Conference.

MISS ELLEN ALFTER, 1910, Southwest Missouri Conference.

MISS LAURA LEE, Missionary Teacher, 1897, Tennessee Conference.

Report of Miss Moling, Principal:

Having spent the greater part of the year in the United States, I do not feel that I am prepared to give a very full report of the work which has been done during that time, except that of the last three and a half months. I did not return even in time for the opening, September 1, and the school had been in session two weeks when I arrived. The teachers I found in their places doing very satisfactory work, but children were still entering and have been ever since. I noted quite a decrease in the attendance in the English Department. This is partly due to the revolution, many Americans having left since the trouble began, and partly due to the fact that school was closed last session about six weeks earlier than is our custom. Many of our children went then to other schools and have not yet returned. Some are coming back to us, and we are constrained to believe that after the parents try to find another school better than ours and are unsuccessful they will do as many others have done—return their children to us.

When I went away in September, 1910, Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne, was left in charge. She remained till the end of the year, when she was transferred to the City of Mexico. Miss Ford followed Mrs. O'Beirne, and remained in charge till my return in September of the present year. I am truly grateful to the good women of our Council for the change and the rest they gave me.

During the year the same course of study as in previous years was followed, there being six grades in the Spanish and as many in the English Department, with special classes in English, piano, and Bible.

I have not been altogether satisfied with the work in the Spanish Department, because it does not seem as thorough as it should be; but it really seems a very difficult task to secure a thoroughly capable native teacher.

Our English Department is fast being crowded out. The opening of the kindergarten gives us one room less than formerly for this part of our work. Miss Lesser's room (the primary) is full to overflowing, and it is a question as to what will be done with the children when they begin to come in after the holidays. There are more pupils in this than in any other department of our work.

The sixth grade is made up of some of the finest girls that we have ever had in our school, and they are doing splendid work under our ever faithful teacher, Miss Lee. For fourteen years she has done this strenuous work; but that has not caused her to cease her labors with the Junior Epworth League of the American congregation, nor with the primary Sunday school class in the same Church. Beloved by the people, she is doing a work that no other teacher or missionary could do, because no one could take her place in the hearts of the people.

Miss Ford has the Bible classes, and she says: "My work for this

year is delightful. I teach the Bible in all the grades but two, and English to the entire Spanish Department. This I count a great privilege, as it brings me into personal contact with all but one class in the school. Some of these pupils have never had the chance to hear and learn of God through his Word, and it is beautiful to see their interest in the study. One boy said at first that he did not wish to study the Bible. I said very little, but prayed earnestly and tried to make the lessons as interesting as possible. About two weeks afterwards he met me one day in the patio and said: 'O, I like the Bible much! It is fine!' And since then he has been faithful in the preparation of his lessons. In the afternoons, from four to six, I visit among the patrons of our school. I have also my share of household work—without which, I presume, no missionary would be content—and also my Sunday school class and other Church duties. And so, working, praying, and striving to do God's will, I see the days go by happy and joyous, with this prayer in my heart:

'Put any burden upon me—only support me.
Send me anywhere—only go with me.
Sever any tie but the one that binds me
To thy service and to thy heart.'

Our kindergarten, a department we have so much desired, was opened the second week in September, and the course is given in both English and Spanish. We began with the Spanish, but there was such a demand for our mother tongue that it became necessary to introduce the English. The appropriation made by the Woman's Council last May made it possible to add this department to our work. We had our old primary room repainted, a new floor put in, and various other repairs made. Our supplies were bought in Kansas City, and as we have everything that a modern, up-to-date kindergarten would have, we are, of course, very proud of it. Miss Alfter is an enthusiastic teacher.

Miss Alfter writes: "The summer vacation held much in store for me, since we were to have one room remodeled and furnished for the opening of our new Spanish-English kindergarten. How I do love the little lives we are privileged to touch during the hours spent daily in this work! I was made happy at Christmas time when each of my little ones was allowed to take active part in our Christmas program in our own Church. Thus some of their loved ones were encouraged to attend their first Protestant service. 'A little child shall lead them,' perhaps, into a new life."

One of our children fell from the stairway in November and fractured her skull. A week later, on Thanksgiving day, the doctor found it necessary to operate, and the work was done here in our home. Had it not been for the faithfulness and skill of Dr. Austin, the child would doubtless have died. Always good to us, ever responding to our call, forgetting his own comfort in order that he may minister to children

who can in no way recompense him for what he is doing for them, he comes, day or night, and comes as quickly to perform a thousand-dollar operation for which he never expects to receive a dollar as he would go to the bedside of the rich man who would pay him liberally. Such a friend as he has been to us during the past nine or ten years one rarely finds in a lifetime. No mission school has ever had a better friend than Colegio Inglés has had and still has in Dr. H. M. Austin.

The revolution has been the cause of much distress and suffering, but no harm has come to our school. Much of the anti-American spirit has been observed throughout the republic, but we have not seen it manifest itself in our school further than in one or two instances which are not worth mentioning; and a more wholesome atmosphere I have never seen than that which at present prevails in our school. Sickness has come into our home, the missionaries, teachers, and children falling sick one after another until one or more persons were kept busy waiting on the patients; yet our work has moved on, and I am confident that some of the best work ever done in the history of the school is now being done, and our children are making notable progress in their studies.

MEXICO CITY.

MARY KEENER INSTITUTE.

MISS ESTHER CASE, 1894, White River Conference.

MISS LINNIE BARCROFT, 1907, North Mississippi Conference.

MISS TERRIE ETTA BUTTRICK, 1909, Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Esther Case, Principal:

The year 1911 has been a year of great unrest and excitement in Mexico. The revolution that began in November, 1910, gained impetus and soon attained great proportions. While the fighting was confined largely to the frontier and some of the southern States, none could tell but that the City of Mexico would be attacked; and the delicate position of foreigners in the republic was enhanced by the probability of intervention by the United States.

Twice we bought supplies of provisions in order to be prepared for the worst, and wrote the parents of our boarding girls to come for them before the city might be besieged; but many of our patrons could not come, as they live in the States of Morelos and Puebla, and either the trains in that section were held up or bridges were destroyed, and it was unsafe to travel through the country. Some who could have come for their daughters had it been necessary wrote: "We feel that our daughter is safer with you than she would be at home."

On May 25 the city was in the hands of mobs, who roamed the streets, violently expressing their displeasure that General Diaz refused to resign the presidency, and breaking windows of business houses with

sticks and stones. One of these mobs passed our school pursued by the mounted police, firing as they came. It was our recess hour, and pupils and teachers were thrown into a panic. We closed the school for a day and a half and sent home our boarders who live in the city, in order to lessen our responsibility if we should be attacked. President Díaz resigned and left for Vera Cruz, and the feeling among the people subsided. Ciudad Juarez was surrendered, an armistice was proclaimed, and we took courage and determined to finish the work of the school year unless absolutely compelled to close sooner, though we thought it best not to attempt closing exercises in the form of a concert.

Francisco I. Madero, the triumphant revolutionist, came into the city on June 7, and we were aroused from peaceful slumbers in the early dawn of that day by the most violent earthquake felt in the Valley of Mexico for twenty-nine years. This "tremble," as the Mexicans call it, claimed forty victims among the artillerymen who were asleep in their barracks when the walls gave way and the roof fell in upon them, burying them under the ruins of a stone building. A number of people in other parts of the city were also killed. Fissures were opened in the ground, water mains were broken, walls were thrown down, and many houses were injured. The house occupied by the school stood the strain well, being of strong construction.

Great as was the fright caused by the earthquake, it did not prevent the assembling of thousands of people a few hours later in the principal streets to get a glimpse of Mr. Madero as he passed from the railroad station to the national palace.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who kept us safely through these dangers, I record that they did not interfere with our work longer than a day and a half. Since June earthquake shocks—for the most part mild ones—have continued until there have been more than ninety in all. There were twenty-nine during one week in December.

Mr. Madero was elected President in the fall, but the peace that we longed for did not come; for in the State of Morelos and in some other parts of the country fighting continued between the Federal troops and bands of brigands, and there were rumors that a counter revolution was being planned by General Reyes. However, General Reyes surrendered during Christmas week, and I trust the country may soon have peace. Some of the missionaries of different denominations in the republic are confident that after the reconstruction period is over the work will go forward as never before.

Our enrollment fell a little below that of 1910, owing to the fact that many of our patrons left the city because of the disturbed conditions; but the attendance was unusually good.

The work in both the English and Spanish Departments has been thoroughly satisfactory, and our music pupils are working well. Our teachers, both Americans and Mexicans, are interested in their work and know how to interest their pupils in their studies.

Besides their regular grade work, the girls of the Spanish Department do beautiful work in embroidery, the making of Spanish lace and artificial flowers, and in cutting and sewing.

In June four of our girls finished the work of the Spanish course and received their certificates, signed by the inspector appointed by the director of primary instruction of the Federal district to inspect our work. Two of these girls are now taking the normal course in Saltillo, one is studying nurse-training in Monterey Hospital (of our Church), and the other is an assistant in the Baptist school here in the city.

Miss Barcroft teaches Bible classes in both the English and Spanish Departments, and the Bible lesson is the favorite one with nearly all the children.

Miss Buttrick is doing fine work with the third and fourth English grades, and is our pianist at chapel services.

Miss Linney, our matron, has been faithful in superintending the boarding girls in their work in the Domestic Department.

Our scholarship girls are bright and interested in their studies. For many reasons over which I had no control changes had to be made in some of the scholarships; but if those who support them could see our girls, I am sure they would be pleased with them.

Our Boarding Department has been as large as dormitory and dining room space would allow. There are from five to eight girls in dark, poorly ventilated bedrooms. If we crowd them more, sore throats break out among them. As we have no spare room, it is impossible to isolate the sick girls, and the trouble spreads.

Our dining room is always crowded, and we have to use an additional room—the only one available—which is so dark that we have to burn electric light at midday. This dark room is also a piano practice room. We need more rooms for teachers' bedrooms and dormitories for the girls, a room for the sewing class, a sitting room for the girls, a laundry, and space for a Business Department; but we cannot hope for these things that we need so much as long as we are in a rented house.

I have been directing our pupils in the study of the life of Christ in our morning chapel service at the opening of school, and they show interest in the lessons. Revs. C. D. Montgomery and Julián Castro come on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, respectively, to hold the service.

Miss Barcroft and I take turns leading the prayer service with the girls at night, many of whom will voluntarily lead in prayer when given the opportunity.

Missionaries, teachers, and older boarding pupils have taught in the Chinese Sunday school, and more Chinamen have been converted and joined the Church than during any preceding year. A number of our girls have also been converted during the year. Our smaller boarding girls attend the Junior Epworth League superintended by Mrs. Castro, our pastor's wife.

My Sunday school class of women is one of my chief joys. The women are much interested in the lessons, and answer questions readily and well. Seven of them have united with the Church during the past year. They are liberal beyond their means; and on the first Sunday of each month, when offerings are made for the pastor's salary, ours is often the leading class.

Most of the Bible classes in the school have been assigned to Miss Barcroft, who is very happy in the work. One hundred pupils have been enrolled in these classes, six of which are conducted in Spanish and four in English. The children, many of whom belong to Catholic families, are devoted to these lessons from the Bible, and their lives can never be the same after the study given to the Word of God.

The missionaries and most of the teachers give their entire time on Sundays to Church services—Sunday school and sermon in the morning, Chinese Sunday school in the afternoon, and church again at night.

During the year a committee composed of a representative from each of the mission schools of the city formed a program for a Bible study course in Spanish for the mission schools. Miss Barcroft represented our mission.

Miss Buttrick writes of the intercourse of the missionaries and teachers: "Our home life is sweet. Miss Case, Miss Barcroft, and the teachers do many things to add to the comfort and pleasure of each one. All the birthdays are remembered in a pleasant way, and the children consider it one of their greatest privileges to make little birthday gifts for the teachers and missionaries. Miss Linney adds no little to our home comfort by giving us good, wholesome food and by making the tables attractive. We are blessed with a principal who is optimistic. She helped us to look on the bright side when the revolution looked the darkest, and she is always ready to encourage when there are difficulties to overcome. Very helpful to us are the Teachers' Prayer Circle on Monday evening and the Missionaries' Prayer Circle of the other evening. My spiritual life has been strengthened by my work this year, and my purpose is to seek a richer experience by more Bible study, prayer, and service, in order that the Master's name may be glorified."

My time has been so filled with the management of the school and the office work, Church work, and many other things besides that I have not visited as much as I should have liked; but when I have been able to do so I have been received so cordially by our people that I never return from a visit to patrons, Church members, Sunday school scholars, or the sick without feeling that one of my greatest privileges is that of going into the homes and getting close to the hearts of the people.

Some of the fruits of our years of labor in Mexico City are to be found in our former pupils who are teachers, trained nurses, business men and women, and wives of preachers and laymen.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries	3
American teachers	7
Mexican teachers	8
Matron	1
Pupils (boys)	141
Pupils (girls)	180
Total pupils	321
Pupils in Sunday school	129
Chinamen in Sunday school	130
Pupils members of Epworth League	25
Boarders	49
Half boarders	15
Chinamen joining the Church	5
Scholarships	20
Pupils in English Department	236
Pupils in Spanish Department	85

GUADALAJARA.

INSTITUTO COLON.

MISS NORWOOD E. WYNN, 1901, North Texas Conference.

MISS MARY E. MASSEY, 1908, North Mississippi Conference.

MISS MINNIE B. VARNER, 1909, Alabama Conference.

Report of Miss Norwood E. Wynn, Principal:

After a year's furlough at home, during which time I had the privilege of attending the North Texas Conference, visiting the Scarritt Bible and Training School, my former home (at Culloden, Ga.), and many relatives and friends in different States, I returned to Guadalajara. It was a happy day for me when I found myself in Instituto Colon. I was glad to see "my children," glad to see our Church people, glad to take from my fellow workers the extra burden they had borne in my absence, but most glad to be again where God had placed me to work for him. Miss Massey and Miss Varner had managed the work so well that we were able to go on as though no one had been out of her place.

The fanaticism in Guadalajara does not decrease; the priests would do us any harm they dared. We hope that under Madero the people will acquire more liberty of thought. The day of Mexico's awakening must not be far distant.

Miss Minnie B. Varner, Financial Manager:

God has been good to us this year, a year peculiar in many respects. The very fact that Miss Wynn was away made Miss Massey and me feel more keenly the weight of responsibility. And then, too, Mexico was

in the midst of a revolution. It was really hard to settle down to regular work, for we did not know at what time there might be an uprising in this part of the country. At one time conditions looked so serious that we feared supplies would be cut off, and we deemed it wise to buy a quantity of *frijoles* and other staples. On several different occasions it was necessary to send the children to their homes for the night, but they were back and at work the next morning. The American Consul told us at one time to be ready to leave the country on twenty-four hours' notice. But, thanks to our Heavenly Father, peace was restored and our work not interfered with.

How glad we were when the train rolled in September 29 and Miss Wynn was again in Guadalajara. We felt that our forces had been redoubled, and we gladly turned over to her her place as "head of the home."

I thank my Father for the privilege of service and for the privilege of serving him in Mexico. I believe that we are on the eve of a great religious awakening, and before long I expect to see and hear the gospel preached in many of the Catholic churches. "God's hand is not shortened," and "with him all things are possible;" and so I feel more and more that if we are faithful in our *praying* and in holding up a *high standard of Christian living*, God is going to work wonders for us and for this people.

Miss Mary E. Massey, Principal *pro tem.*:

At the beginning of the year 1911 we found ourselves wondering each day what would be the next difficulty to present itself, as so many perplexities had arisen since opening in October. The political situation was still very grave, and many problems hard to solve were constantly before us in the school work; but we learned to trust our loving Father even more in those days of trial.

As spring came we began to feel more unsettled, as so many schools were closing on account of political troubles, and it seemed as if the Americans would have to leave the country. In May our city was disturbed by the disorder of mobs. For two days no business whatever was done, and even the street cars stopped running. For three nights we sent home every child who lived in the city and the others to the homes of our friends, because we expected the house to be attacked at any moment. One night we heard the yells of the mob as they drew nearer and nearer, but before they reached us a very hard rain came up and they were driven back. How often during last year did we prove the promise, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them!"

The school year closed in July with two concerts, one for the music pupils and one for the entire school. Both were held in the patio, which was crowded with interested spectators. The fine program was gotten up entirely by our Mexican teachers.

The last of September I returned to my work happy because Miss Wynn was with us again. School opened with splendid promise for one of the best years we have ever had. But, greatly to our sorrow, Miss Wynn was taken sick soon after her return; and after two months of brave effort to go on with her work despite her sickness, she was at last forced to give up and go away in search of health.

As we look back over the year, we are filled with gratitude for God's many blessings; and though the results are not what we would wish, we leave in his hands the failures as well as the successes, only pleading that he will use our efforts for his glory.

STATISTICS.

Instituto Colon: Missionaries	3
American teacher	1
Native teachers	6
Special teachers	6
Pupils enrolled	159
Boarding pupils	89
Attendance at Sunday school	122
Members of Church	68
Members of Senior League	74
Members of Junior League	55
Scholarships from Board	42
Individual scholarships	12
Trueheart Day School: Teacher	1
Pupils enrolled	21
Members of Junior League	21

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE:

Chihuahua and Durango are in this Conference.

CHIHUAHUA.

COLEGIO PALMORE.

Miss LIZZIE WILSON, 1889, Kentucky Conference.

Miss LUCY C. HARPER, 1890, Central Texas Conference.

Miss ARA RIGGINS (at home), 1903, Los Angeles Conference.

Miss MARIA WIGHTMAN CAPERS, 1910, South Carolina Conference.

Miss Lizzie Wilson, Principal:

The year opened with the war cry on all sides. The low hills outside the city were covered with the tents of soldiers. Cannon stood guard at the principal entrances to the city. We knew not what a day might bring forth. But the good God kept watch over his own. I fully believe that the city was saved from invasion for the sake of his children.

After days and weeks of anxiety, I was greatly helped by a direct assurance that the fighting would not be in the city. I record this experience that others may know the loving-kindness of our Heavenly Father. The daily reports that passed from mouth to mouth were alarming. One day we were assured that 7,000 revolutionists were within twenty-two miles of Chihuahua, and were expected to enter at any hour. We knew there were 5,000 Federal soldiers in and around the city. It seemed that a battle was imminent. My heart was heavy, fearing that our beautiful home might be a ruin before the morning. Lifting my eyes, they fell upon a text on the wall: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In a moment I felt reproved, ashamed of my fears; then came the remembrance of how God would have saved Sodom if ten faithful ones had been found in the city, and I said, "I know there are many times ten in this place who love and fear God," and the conviction came to me that we would be spared the horrors of war. I lay down and slept in peace until the morning. With my first waking thoughts came the message of Isaiah to Hezekiah against the Assyrians: "He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there." I praised God with a full heart for the message. At morning prayers I spoke of the night and morning assurance that had been sent to me, and we rejoiced, believing that what he had promised he was able to perform. It was months after this that the city of Juarez was taken and peace was assured; but we rested in quiet, sheltered behind the sure promises of our God; who has kept covenant with his people through the ages.

The daily work in the school went forward without any break until the middle of April, when the way opened for our American teachers to get to the border. I advised them to go lest they might not be able to do so later. It was well that they went, for all communication was cut off almost immediately, and we continued without mail or trains for about six weeks.

We had no public closing of the school, but our diplomas were duly signed by the State officials and delivered to the students. There was little demonstration among us, but all had the feeling that we had finished a year of good work. The trouble outside had served only to bind us closer to each other in the home and in the school.

Some fifty of our students could not go home, so we had summer school until the middle of June. Our vacation was short. The girls and I had a pleasant three weeks at "The Haven," while Miss Harper and the boys stayed at the college.

We opened school again on the first of August. In the five months ending with December just past we have enrolled over four hundred.

The school has done well in every department. There have been a more liberal spirit and a more careful study of the Word of God—a good sowing time. Brother Campbell wanted to hold revival services in the school in September; but I asked him to wait until November,

when the ground would be better prepared. So in November he and Brother Ortega held the proposed meeting, and many of the children were converted, twenty-two offering themselves for Church membership. Following the revival Brother Esquivel opened a class for volunteers in Bible study in the commercial school. He has a fine class of earnest boys, and their study of the Word is bearing fruit in their lives. Miss Capers has been teaching graded Bible lessons to four English classes during the year, and Miss Kilgore teaches the same course in one grade. This work is my joy and delight; but I cannot teach the Bible in grades, because my time is so constantly broken into. I have a night study Bible class with the girls of the home, and I expect happiness and good results from it. The taxing, wearing interruptions of my time are in the meeting of patrons and arranging terms, receiving visitors, the buying, the cooking, the looking after workmen, and the continual oversight of all the work to see that things are not wasted or left at loose ends. The children do much to help. It is a necessary part of their education, but it takes a world of time and patience to carry on the work of a big place like this with the unskilled fingers of children. This year I have our good Chinaman back in the kitchen. The finances have not been easy this year; it has cost much anxious thought to make ends meet. Less money came in from the school, and everything has been higher in price on account of the unsettled state of the country. But I need not say more. You will readily see from this that I have not time for satisfactory class work.

Miss Harper superintends the work in the schoolrooms. My Sunday school class consists of the mothers of the Church, who have fallen to me these seventeen years. They are most dear to me. We are workers together for the advancement of the kingdom. At the close of the year we renewed our promises as to the work we proposed to do for the Church. Some give one day in the week to visiting, distributing tracts, and reading the Bible in the homes; others give half a day, others two hours, and others who cannot go out promise to take a certain time every day to pray for the workers. I keep a book with the work promised, and the following Sunday I mark what we have actually been able to accomplish. We do not always come up to what we had planned, but we do much more than if we had not made a plan. All take an intelligent part in the discussion of the lesson, and all help to raise the pastor's salary. Our average collection is twenty-eight dollars per month. Some of my class come from comfortable homes, and others are servants or washerwomen; but in Sunday school and Church they all meet as equals, and their love for each other is beautiful. I visit them in their homes as often as my time will allow. Few weeks pass that I do not get to see most of them.

As First Vice President of the League I have tried to help the young people in an intelligent study of the Word of God. We meet at four o'clock on Sunday afternoons—not a very inviting hour, and it is not

always easy to get them interested; but in the League, as in everything that succeeds, there is needed a spirit of "stickatitiveness" that counts in the long run. I fully believe in the "perseverance of the saints."

Our missionary society meets once a month in the church. The pastor gives us the prayer meeting hour. It is made up of all ages—fathers, mothers, young people, and children. We have a good program and an interesting time. Our assessment was ninety-seven dollars the past year, and we have it all collected. It goes to help support the Mexican pastor in El Paso, so you see we have the United States for our mission field.

Our new missionary, Miss Capers, came to us in August. She has helped where she was needed in the schoolroom, and she has been most kind to offer assistance in the general work of the home; but I have not felt free to let her do anything outside her school duties, as she has to bring up her Spanish examinations, this being only her second year on the field. We are most happy to have her with us in the work.

Looking back, the year has been sunshine and shadow; but there has been more shine than shadow, and we can testify with loving hearts: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

STATISTICS.

Missionaries	3
American teachers	7
Native teachers	6
Missionaries, teachers, and helpers living in the home	11
Pupils enrolled	557
Boarders	118
Half boarders	6
Pupils members of the Church	44
Pupils members of the Sunday school	265
Pupils members of the missionary society	66
Scholarships	25

REPORT OF PALMORE COLLEGE, CHIHUAHUA.

Miss Lucy Harper, Missionary:

The history of Chihuahua during 1911 was thrilling in the making. The year opened midway of the revolution. Our city was a center of operations. Sometimes it was full to overflowing with soldiers. The School of Arts, the Plaza de Toros, the big grounds of the old slaughter house, the former State prison, the beautiful new Federal building, the police court (which is a large building), and the two ample garrisons were full of soldiers, rurales, and recruits. The cavalry horses, filling the streets in long ranks from one side to the other, ate contentedly the provender spread before them and patiently endured currying and currying in front of elegant residences. They beat the dust to finest pow-

der and occupied hours and hours every day filing down to the water and returning over the same route. The clang of sabers, the tramp of hoofs, the roll of drums, and the inspiring bugle call—all of these were in the natural order of things at any hour of the day or night.

Sometimes we were cut off from the rest of the world for weeks, shut in on every side except skyward. Mines and factories closed, and the city was full of the unemployed and hungry. Refugees from the fighting zone came in for protection. But Chihuahua is a distributing center for a large region, and its wholesale houses carry a heavy stock of goods; so there was no failing of food. Public opinion, voiced by the press, added to a sense of humanity on the part of the merchants, kept prices from becoming extortionate.

Troops went out north and west on campaigns, and returned, some having suffered defeat, others being victorious. These last, quiet and subdued, came from hard-fought fields and long, weary, dusty marches over a region where there was little food and less water. But there were no palms for them, no clapping of hands in loud acclaim; for this was that cruelest of wars, where brother lifted up his hand against brother, and he who would speak a word of praise was withheld from it by the knowledge that the neighbor at his elbow mourned the death of friends or looked on with deep and silent discontent.

Whenever it was near enough or the communication could be made between our city and the front, the wounded were brought here, where we have several good hospitals, for treatment. All the doctors in the city offered their assistance.

For some time after peace was made, by agreement, in Juarez no one could tell whether the compact would be a rope of sand or whether its terms would bind together the sundered forces of the nation. On its confirmation the revolutionist army made its long-desired entrance into this capital. The well-disciplined Federal troops went out to receive their enemies of yesterday, and escorted them with honors into the city and through its streets. Within a few days the Federals were retired to the interior of the republic, and we had a new order of things—a new governor, a new legislature, a new mayor, and so on through all the offices of government and their dependencies.

From April to October the people of our State were busy with the reconstruction of the government, the rebuilding of railways, reopening of mines, and resuming of business of all kinds.

During all these months the school held steadily on its way until a case of smallpox in the boys' house, added to the growing probability of the cutting of communications with the States, determined the sudden closing of the English Department and the going home of the American teachers. The case was removed to my little house in the country, and a nurse procured. In ten days the boy was out and the trouble over.

The school had the slight gain of twenty students over the enroll-

ment in 1910, a decided forward movement in the class and character of the students, and we have been made to feel over and over again the strong confidence and affectionate regard of our patrons and friends.

We have had a good faculty. The first half of the year we had in the English school some excellent teachers who did not wish to return to Mexico. Two were contemplating matrimony, a third entered the University of Chicago, and a fourth remained at home to be near her family. We feared it would be very difficult to secure teachers who would be willing to come to Mexico at this time, but before the time came to seek them we had our vacancies all filled with those who applied. We have had three of the finest girls in Texas, two of our former pupils, and two of our friends in the classroom. We have had a busy, profitable year in the classrooms and harmony in the home. There has been less discipline and more evidence of spiritual growth than in any other year.

We have had more Bible study than at any time since the school has grown so large and the duties so multiplied that Miss Wilson could not give her personal attention to that department. There have been much eagerness and enjoyment in the study. I have had special opportunities to observe this in the boarding boys in the commercial course who belong to Professor Esquivel's class of volunteers for Bible study. There are from ten to fourteen boys in it. They study with an interest I have never seen surpassed.

Our Sunday school work, too, is fine. Between the Spanish and English schools we have over two hundred members. The sessions are full of brightness from beginning to end. Professor Esquivel is superintendent still. He gave me the Primary Department this year. I have five assistants, and we have worked hard to bring in children. We have enrolled one hundred and twenty-two in the department since April 1. In the lesson review their hands fly up in little clouds in answer to questions put to the older members. The primary children march in with their banner, on which is inscribed: "Messengers of the King." They feel themselves a part of the Church, and they are an inspiration to the rest of the school.

That you may see that we do not try to have unnatural young people, I must tell you that we give plenty of attention to play. The boys have a fine, big patio newly filled with fresh earth from the country. Baseball, punching bag, poles, bar, and rings are supplied to them. On Monday mornings they are out in the country at our little house. As soon as we leave our patio at the college, Elizabeth takes possession of it with the girls and young ladies of the Church, and they have a good time playing basket ball. Professor Esquivel and Elías Hernández, eight years ago a Palmore boy and now a successful business man, have been fine and faithful helpers in the physical exercises.

Miss Wilson and I will have been here in Chihuahua eighteen years on the eighteenth of July. Every year we have more people to love and a wider sphere of usefulness, more work to do, and more friends to

help us. We love our work with all our hearts, and we thank you, our friends, and our God for all these opportunities. We want to use them wisely and gratefully every day.

We expected that Miss Capers would be sent here when she first came to Mexico, and we were glad when she was finally detailed to Chihuahua. The first half year of her stay is over, and it has probably been the most strenuous half year she has ever spent; but at the end of it she is in good health, good spirits, understands conditions here, is content and hopeful, and can see fruits of her labors. We hope she will continue a part of our family so long as she and we are in the field—and I would like to work a hundred years in Mexico.

DURANGO.

MacDONELL INSTITUTE.

MRS. NELLIE O'BEIRNE, 1908, Louisiana Conference.

MISS MAY TREADWELL (at home), 1901, North Georgia Conference.

MISS ALMA E. JONES, 1907, Missouri Conference.

MISS JOHNNIE PIERSON, 1910, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS CLARA BEVERLY CAIN, 1911, Louisville Conference.

Mrs. O'Beirne, Principal:

During this past year I have realized as never before that "here we have no continuing city," that I am indeed a "pilgrim and a stranger." In less than one year I was appointed to and lived in San Luis Potosi, Mexico City, Saltillo, and Durango. It is fortunate that I'm no exotic flower but just an ordinary kind of plant that may be uprooted and moved often without injury. As the dew of heaven has fallen upon me and the Sun of Righteousness continued to shine, my soul has been like a "watered garden in a dry and thirsty land where no water is."

My stay in Durango has been short, but I've felt at home from the first day. The work was somewhat difficult for us, almost all the teachers and all the missionaries being new to the place, but God's blessings have been upon us, and we feel that progress has been made. I've never seen a more loyal faculty than ours, and I've been grateful to God every day for my helpers. A Principal can do nothing without the right kind of teachers. Our chapel exercises have been helpful and interesting to all. Seven of the faculty, besides the ministers, take turns in leading. But we enjoy most the day set apart for the pupils, when they select the songs and recite scripture texts, both in English and Spanish.

We are glad to report a revival among our students. There were thirty conversions, and sixteen joined the Church.

The Bible classes, conducted by Mrs. Burkett and Miss Jones, have been productive of much good.

Brothers Macune, Fitzgerald, and Narro have been real brothers to

us, assisting in every possible way. Brother Macune has been kind enough to teach the Latin class for us.

Those who think the Mexicans do not take to athletics should see our enthusiastic basket ball teams, boys and girls, under Miss Cain's wise direction. I consider it one of the most helpful departments of our work.

Though we've had "wars and rumors of wars" all the year, our work has steadily grown. In September, when we opened, we had only sixty pupils; we have now passed the two hundred mark in our enrollment. We believe that there is a great future for Durango as a city, with its great mineral wealth, as well as for MacDonell Institute as a school. The improvement in the spirit of the children—their conduct and their attitude toward the gospel—as well as increased efficiency in class work, has indeed been cause for thanksgiving.

At Christmas the pupils and teachers got up a fund for the poor, and many hearts were made glad by the baskets of "goodies" and clothing this fund made possible.

Recently a number of Federal troops came to guard the city. Through our good pastor we learned that the powers that be would allow us to carry them Testaments and tracts, as well as good things to eat. The children again responded generously; and to each one of the two hundred soldiers in the barracks that day the committee of thirty, chosen from all the grades in both departments, carried a package of "dulce," fruit, and cake, as well as a portion of Scripture and a bouquet of flowers. The officers and the men were very appreciative, and published their thanks in the daily paper.

The clergy has fought us from the pulpit and in the printed page, as well as secretly. The archbishop sent out posters and handbills all over the city and surrounding towns, denouncing our school and threatening with excommunication any parents who sent their child to us. But despite this opposition, children of many Catholic families come to us. There has been a decided growth in the Spanish department, for which we are glad. Many prefer to pay and to send their children to us, rather than patronize the public schools.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
LAREDO.		
Laredo Seminary.....	284	Miss N. E. Holding, Miss Delia Holding, Miss Edith Park, Miss Annie Churchill, Miss Ellie Tydings, Miss Hardynia Norville.
West End School.....	25	—.
Woman's Work	102	Miss Laura Wright.
SALTILLO.		
Colegio Ingles.....	239	Miss Lelia Roberts. Miss Frankie Hooper.
Oak Cliff Day School.....	43	—.
SAN LUIS POTOSI.		
Colegio Ingles.....	177	Miss Frances Moling. Miss Sue T. Ford, Miss Ellen Alfter.
MEXICO CITY.		
Mary Keener Institute.....	321	Miss Esther Case, Miss Linnie Barcroft, Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick.
GUADALAJARA.		
Instituto Colon.....	159	Miss Norwood E. Wynn. Miss Mary Massey. Miss Minnie Varner.
Trueheart Day School.....	21	—.
CHIHUAHUA.		
Palmore Institute.....	557	Miss Lizzie Wilson, Miss Lucy Harper, Miss Maria Wightman Capers.
DURANGO.		
MacDonell Institute	217	Mrs. O'Beirne, Miss May Treadwell, Miss Alma Jones, Miss Johnnie Pierson, Miss Clare Beverley Cain
Total (11).....	2,145	27.

Value of property, \$300,000.

BRAZIL.

The enormous size and richness of Brazil make its conquest for Christ most urgent. It has been a land of thick darkness. To the blight of Romanism has been added a commingling of undesirable elements in the population, and the resultant ignorance, superstition, and moral degradation furnish a problem for the country's future. Illiteracy and illegitimacy have rested upon it like a plague. But republican institutions, a phenomenal industrial development, and the earnest work of Christian missionaries for a third of a century are already bringing in a new day.

The womanhood of Brazil makes its peculiar appeal to us. Without instruction, of mingled social strains, amazingly ignorant, superstitious, and credulous, the women of that vast empire bear their burden of mother love and of yearning for spiritual refreshment in patient resignation. A few of them are beginning to look for deliverance. The girls trained in mission schools are now, many of them, wives and mothers. Dr. McMurry tells how last year he was able to recognize something unusual in the face and port of a young engineer's wife far in the south of Brazil, and getting acquainted with her found that she was a graduate of the school at Piracicaba. So that torch, as well as others, is sending its beams afar.

In Brazil, as elsewhere, our work is chiefly in the school-rooms. We have work at Rio, Piracicaba, Petropolis, Juiz de Fora, Bello Horizonte, Ribeirao Preto, Sao Paulo, and Porto Alegre.

JUIZ DE FORA.

MISS LOUIDA SHAFFER, 1896, Missouri Conference.

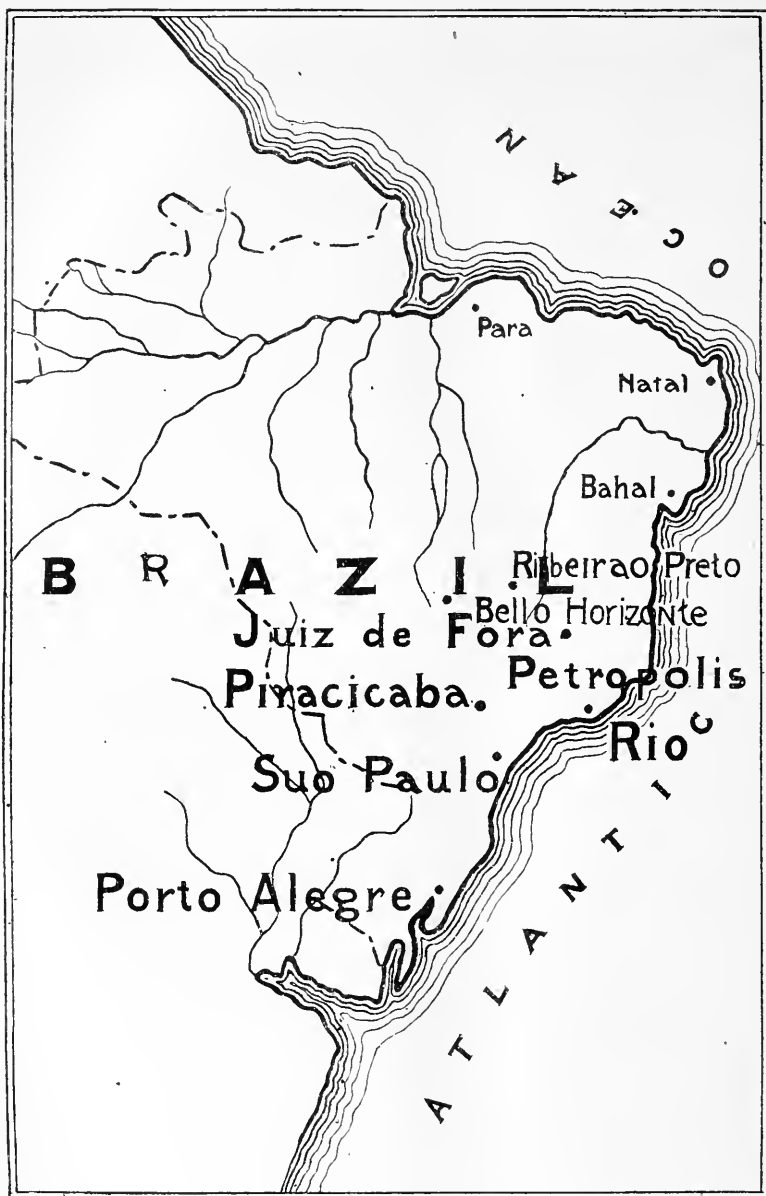
MISS DAISY PYLES, 1908, Brazil Mission Conference.

MISS LEILA FLOSSIE EPPS, 1911, South Carolina.

COLLEGIO MÍNEIRO.

Miss Louida Shaffer, Principal:

After an absence of a year and some months on furlough in the



homeland, I returned to Brazil just in time for the annual meeting in Petropolis last December.

January 6 found me in the Mineiro, with almost two months ahead of me in which to prepare for the opening of school. This seems a long time, but with the difficulty in finding suitable teachers the time is all too short. Frances Tarboux, daughter of our Brother Tarboux, consented to come to us temporarily as primary teacher; but after a few months, according to previous agreement, she left us for Germany, where she is studying music, so the search for a primary teacher continued. The vacancy this time was filled by one of our former pupils, D. Antonietta Quintella. But the difficulty in finding the right kind of teacher was not limited to the Primary Department. Our teacher of drawing, Señor Bicchi, was lying at death's door, a victim of tuberculosis. After his death, the school secured the services of a Portuguese art teacher, who is untiring in her efforts to build up this department of the work.

We were fortunate in getting Miss Nebe back for French and Miss Anderson for the English work. This seems a long story, and so it is; but it took two whole months to work it out.

School opened March 1, with only sixty-eight on the roll for the first day. It was a saint's day; hence the small number. Only a few days had passed when we began to wonder what we should do with our rapidly growing school, for at the end of the first week our enrollment had gone up to ninety-one. In spite of our efforts to avoid confusion, it was not altogether possible when the attempt was made to seat one hundred and forty pupils on one hundred and ten benches. With nine or ten classes and only five schoolrooms it is often necessary to have two recitations going on at once in the same classroom. Every available space, the dining room, the office, as well as the narrow halls, all lend themselves with equal readiness, likewise equal unsuitableness, for the same purpose. On more than one occasion I have seen a teacher seated on the front stairway with a class working on French verbs as best they might. The plans are not ideal, but it is the best we can do at present.

If schoolrooms are crowded, dormitories are more so. When three months before school closed three new boarders applied for admission, it did not seem possible to accept another one; but a plan was evolved whereby the dormitories might be relieved of trunks, valises, and other unnecessary encumbrances. The plan was a simple one—to have plain lockers fitted into the spaces between the windows in the narrow passageways. In this way we were enabled to accept the three new girls, who seem to be promising pupils. This year our matriculation ran up to one hundred and sixty, including fifteen special art pupils. The boarders numbered thirty-three, the largest number in the history of the school.

D. Maria do Cen, the art teacher, is anxious to have this department

follow the course of the government school in Rio de Janeiro. Just now the school is embarrassed for lack of a place, even a vacant room, in which to house this department. The old baronial carriage house was transformed into an art studio; but when a tropical shower overtook an enthusiastic painting class, obliging both teacher and pupils to take refuge on chairs and platforms while the water rose to a foot or more in the room, the futility of this plan was seen. The city government has granted us a hall, free of charge, until we can decide what to do. It seems a pity to close a department which had almost from the beginning twenty-five pupils, and which would support itself, including materials, if only a room were obtainable.

Miss Pyles has taught principally mathematics, history, and geography, and helped with the home care of the children. For some time she had the larger girls of our Boarding Department in Sunday school; but Mrs. Vann kindly consented to take the class, and now she has a little group of elderly ladies whom she is trying to lead to a brighter knowledge of Christ.

At Conference time Bishop Lambuth sent to our aid Miss Epps. Just how much she was needed none of us realized until she arrived. I will let her tell of her experience since she came to us: "These have been busy days during the five months I have been in Brazil. I have tried to do four things: First, to get the language well enough to understand what was said to me. Secondly, to learn to talk. Being deaf and dumb is no pleasant experience when one is so anxious and hungry for communication with those with whom one must come in contact. But I soon learned that there is one thing of even more importance than understanding or speaking a language. This is *seeing*. My eyes are being opened; and as my vision of the greatness of the work and the small numbers of workers enlarges, I am at times almost overwhelmed. The fourth thing that I have tried to do has been to prove my gratitude by doing little things for others. Without a knowledge of the language there are so few things that I am able to do, yet I am happy to do little things from day to day and thus make our home more pleasant. I do love our home, and am perfectly satisfied here. I think that I should rather live right here than anywhere else in all the world. Every day I thank my Heavenly Father for the flowers and trees and friends here, but most of all do I praise him for the opportunity of getting ready for work."

Miss Glenn's furlough being due, the bishop passed her work, a part of it, into my inexperienced hands. From this time on my report should include something of the other stations as well as Juiz de Fora, but you will pardon me for not telling you what I do not know. With the heavy work which falls to my lot in the Míneiro it is not possible to visit the different stations, as does Miss Glenn, who is not responsible for any one school. In the capacity of Secretary *pro tem*. I have made one business visit to Rio and two to Petropolis. The ladies at the

several stations will give you a full account of their work while I tell you of our two weeks' revival services. From the very first our girls were interested. Almost the entire Boarding Department of thirty-three girls took some forward step in the Christian life. I have not seen so much interest this year in any one subject as was manifest during this meeting in the things which are of God. Six girls presented themselves as candidates for Church membership. Their parents made no objection to their entering the class of probationers, but said the girls must wait until they are older before breaking away from the religion of their fathers. We were not discouraged at this; for if we sow the seed, God will give the increase, and we were thankful for the opportunity of leading them into a clearer knowledge of the Son of God.

There are many reasons why our hearts are full of rejoicing to-day: First of all, because the hand of God is with us for good, because of the hopeful outlook for the future, and last but not least for the encouraging news that we are soon to have a visit from our Council in the persons of our beloved Miss Gibson and Miss Bennett.

RIO DE JANEIRO.

MISS LAYONA GLENN (at home), 1894, North Georgia Conference.

MISS HELLEN HICKMAN, 1909, North Texas Conference.

MISS LYDIA FERGUSON, 1911, Central Texas Conference.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO FLUMINENSE.

Report of Miss Hellen Hickman, Principal:

Our school work has been far more satisfactory to me than it was last year, especially since I have more knowledge of the language, and have therefore been able more fully to carry out the plans which I formed at the beginning of the year. Miss Steel remained with me until about the middle of August, when she was sent to Bello Horizonte, and Miss Lydia Ferguson was appointed to take her place. Though I regretted to lose Miss Steel, with whom I had so pleasantly worked and lived for almost a year, I was indeed most grateful that in the providence of God I was so fortunate as to receive as a new coworker Miss Ferguson, who has proved herself to be such an excellent English teacher and such a congenial companion in our home life.

Miss Ferguson says: "The past five months have indeed been short, happy ones. Never did I dream there could be the real happiness there is on the mission field. Our Father does give us 'exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.'"

God has blessed us mightily. It seems to me now as I recount the blessings which have come to us in connection with our school work, I deem one of the greatest that of faithfulness on the part of our teachers.

I do not mean that our teachers are perfect—they have a leader who is far from perfect—but I mean that they have tried to work faithfully and prayerfully.

Owing to the smallness of our primary room, that department has suffered greatly. After the hot weather came, out-of-door play had to cease, for our garden is only about eight feet wide and that between two high stone walls; hence in this tropical sun this narrow space reminds one very much of a furnace.

Our enrollment, seventy, has been about as it was last year; but the attendance has been better, and I can truthfully say that the development in some of our girls has indeed been most gratifying. Many of our patrons incidentally ask me why I do not move into a large and more appropriate building, and many times I have received messages telling me of some building large and well situated and always *with a garden*. Sometimes I do feel tempted to move, but without an exception these "buildings large and well situated and *with a garden*" are far beyond my financial reach. Hence I let the temptation pass.

On my arrival in Brazil, Miss Glenn, in speaking to me of the school of which I had been appointed to take charge, said: "It has already struck rock bottom." If under the management of one who had been on the field for a number of years it went down simply because she had no ropes to hold to, I constantly find myself wondering what you did expect to happen when it seemed that the only thing that could be done was to give it into the hands of one just arriving on the field. Certainly you and my coworkers on the field have never failed in words of encouragement, and I know you have remembered us at the throne of grace. With God's help I have done what I could. It seems but little. I hope nothing has been lost. I fear but little has been gained. Because of these conditions Miss Glenn very kindly, until her departure from Brazil, relieved me from the management of the finances, whose balances usually reveal a big deficit. Last year she found it necessary to ask a special appropriation of \$1,000 to meet this deficit at the close of the year. This year, to my sorrow, I found the same request necessary.

I have said nothing about a building; for now that the glad tidings concerning the contemplated visit of Misses Gibson and Bennett have reached us, we one and all feel that since they come as representatives of the Board it is better left in their hands. Most earnestly we pray that they may come to us in all safety and that God may bless them in their deliberations and decisions.

RIO CENTRAL INSTITUTE.

MISS TRULIE RICHMOND, 1907, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS MARGARET SIMPSON, 1911, Little Rock Conference.

DONA GABRIELLA SALLES, Native Teacher.

Miss Trulie Richmond, Principal:

A gloriously happy year this has been, full to running over with blessings and opportunities. The work of the Instituto Central do Povo (Central Institution of the People) never ceases to be of interest to all who study its development, and this year has been one of unusual development, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Vann, the superintendent, was taken from us and that Miss Dye married and left the work to inexperienced hands. But the native workers have been very loyal, and the work has advanced.

The day school statistics show for themselves the influence that the school has had in the neighborhood, the matriculations being two hundred and fifty-three, of whom one hundred and thirty-six were new pupils. The teachers are doing the best they can; but they beg constantly for a missionary who can devote her time entirely to the school and direct its work, thus helping them to make their work more effective and building up a model school in every sense of the word. The school as it stands now has more in daily attendance than there are accommodations for and more than the teachers can care for properly. Miss Simpson, the kindergartner, hopes to begin work next March, and will relieve the Primary Department of the school largely; but she cannot direct the whole of the school, and we must have a directress or the work will suffer.

The night classes for working young people are growing in interest and in benefit for them as they come to understand more and more the scope and purpose. Statistics show a matriculation of one hundred and sixteen boys and young men and ninety-nine girls and young women. My work is mostly with the young women's classes, and the advancement in different departments has been most interesting and encouraging. The class in the ordinary school branches is rapidly outgrowing its room, and another year I am sure we will have to have a second teacher for them also. Nearly all the members of the class are cooks and tailoresses; a few are sack sewers, who make the sacks in which coffee is handled.

The embroidery class and the Saturday morning sewing class are doing nice work, and were able to present a nice display at the close of the school term.

The cooking class work is attracting considerable attention from outside friends. The class has served tea on several occasions, and it made about seventeen pounds of candy for sale at Christmas. It also finds sale for tea cakes, roast chicken, etc., which gives money for the maintenance of the kitchen. The gas company became interested in its work, and have put in one large and two smaller gas ranges, three burners, four flatirons, and several new lights. The company also furnish the gas free. We hope another year to find time for several classes in domestic science. Bishop Lambuth gave us

the cooking utensils for this department more than a year ago, and from a rummage sale last April enough money was made to buy a nice dinner set and some table linen, besides a sewing machine for the sewing class.

The medical clinic is also a very important department of our work, and most of the year we have employed three afternoons in the week two physicians, who have been kept very busy. The records of the pharmacy show that one thousand four hundred and thirty-two separate prescriptions have been given out, and of course this does not show the number that have been refilled. Every day there are from fifteen to thirty people present for treatment. While the doctors are ministering to their physical needs, different workers are always busy reading, talking, or praying with those in waiting. There is a very great need for a Christian hospital here where we can care for those who cannot possibly receive the proper attention in their homes. A visiting nurse is a present urgent need.

For lack of time I have had to neglect the special visiting. In this work the English and American ladies of the city have been a very great help to me, giving liberally of their funds and sending me their half-worn clothing for distribution among the worthy needy cases. In the month of December we gave out one hundred and ten garments and ten dollars in food.

The children's playground is one of the sights of the city, and long articles frequently appear in the daily newspapers about it. The Electric Light & Power Company send special cars for our school children once a week to take them out to it, and the city has given special guards to take care of it when the physical director cannot be there. Thus the institutional features are calling the attention of the thinking public to our work in this district as in almost no other part of Brazil, and they are looking to us for a model in all such things. This year alone in all departments we have touched five hundred separate school children. If we are to present to them true American methods, we must have an up-to-date American day school in connection with the work, and we cannot have this with only one American kindergarten teacher and all the rest Brazilians. We must have a woman who can direct the day school, and we believe that our prayer for one will be answered this year.

Our plans for the year are large, and we are expecting more than ever before from the prayers and support of the home women and from God's blessing and power.

Miss Margaret Simpson, in charge of kindergarten work:

Our party landed in Rio de Janeiro August 6, 1911. The magnificent bay of Rio is but a fitting introduction to this land of beauty. We were met by a party of missionary friends from the Annual Conference, which was then in session in Rio. Upon reaching the shore we found

ourselves in what seemed like a veritable fairyland. The city of Rio was in gala attire, with flags and bunting flying, real flowers forming the decoration for the lamp posts, and the bands playing—the whole city seemed at play. We passed quickly through this attractive district, and were soon in the street that leads to Central Institute. Having been already in settlement work for two years, I had an idea, in a measure at least, of what I would find there; but I was unprepared for the bare, uninviting floors that everywhere met one's gaze and the dirty, dingy papering that in places was hanging like flags from the walls. Being honest with myself, I must say my heart sank when I was assigned to what was to be my room, for that night all that was visible was the tile roof of the adjoining buildings; but with the morning the glorious sunlight flooded my room and lent a ray of cheer; and when I was up, I saw, overtopping a building, a palm that I immediately called my "salvation palm," for it was the only visible green.

Thus life began at Central Institute. The following week I began the study of Portuguese, to which my time has been devoted.

Twelve kindergarten songs and games have been translated and adapted to music. The work of translating stories is just being begun, only one thus far having been translated.

The first of October Mr. Tucker put the Beginners' Department in my charge. Miss Richmond and the two Brazilian teachers did the work, and I—well I suppose I furnished the inspiration. At any rate, "we killed the bear." The first of November I went to the interior to study, intending to remain there until the latter part of February; but the food did not agree with me, so after five weeks I returned to Rio.

At Central Institute there is not a foot of garden; but on the second floor, connecting the two buildings, is an open court with tile floor. Mr. Tucker has put this at my disposal for my kindergarten. We have had two boxes made and a trellis above, and now the vines that are climbing the unattractive walls send a thrill of cheer to those passing through the buildings. This is to be our kindergarten "garden," and we trust it will be an inspiration to the many who live in the poor, crowded districts with just such courts to turn them into bowers of beauty.

Brazil is now my *home*, in the full meaning of that word; I am so happy here, but my joy will be full when I feel that I can render effective service. When I see the bright-faced little ones who now attend our Sunday school and others within the range of our influence daily receiving the great lessons of life given so that a child can grasp them, and know that these little ones are unconsciously laying the foundation for right thinking and hence right living, I will be indeed happy and will feel that the purpose for which I came to Brazil is beginning to be accomplished.

PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

Dona Gabriella Salles:

I wish to make a few observations on the work of the year, showing that this period was greatly blessed of God, and marks the constant progress of our Institute in all its departments.

With joy we have noticed in the day school the fine attendance of the pupils, the good will of the greater part of the people toward us, and the development of the seed of the holy gospel in the hearts of our children.

To gain the sympathy of the children and the confidence not only of parents but of all the people in a work so far-reaching, as that of the gospel is a great conquest, and is equivalent to the future possession of many souls for Christ.

We continue always to devote some time to the special teaching of the Scriptures, and even during the lessons do not fail, when opportunity offers, to call attention to the morals of the gospel or to cite a text of Scripture. Our special study this year has been the Gospels, and it is remarkable how well some of our children have learned the principal facts in the life of Christ and the apostles.

One day when reading the verse, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth," I called attention to this point, and among other things I cited to them the second commandment, where idolatry is expressly prohibited. Hearing this, some of the children raised their heads and with gestures of surprise said to me: "O, then we have greatly sinned because we have worshiped images." One little boy asked me to show him in the Scriptures this prohibition. I readily showed him the second commandment, and said to him that this was also in the priest's Bible and that I would show it to him if he would bring me one. He could not obtain a Bible from the priest, although he made an effort to do so.

During the last quarter we matriculated twenty-nine, making in all one hundred and thirty-six new pupils for the year. For lack of teachers and desks we were obliged to limit the matriculation, or we might have had many more. Our average daily attendance for the entire year was eighty-two, though the enrollment reached two hundred and sixty-four.

Our playground, which has greatly delighted the children, was inaugurated October 12. The Mayor of the city was present, and hoisted the Brazilian flag. The children and teachers sang the national hymn and then a patriotic gospel song. The children have had systematic instruction and recreation with the apparatus there once or twice a week under the care of our director.

Our school furniture has been increased by fifty new desks, now ready for the next year. Our kindergarten teacher, with a supply of material, is also ready for work when the school opens again.

My night class for the quarter was attended by forty young women

and girls. Some are employed in factories and others as servants in families. Every time I would speak to them of the gospel they would listen with attention and interest. When I invited them to attend the Sunday school, some replied that they could not, for they had to work at that hour, and some said their employers would not let them come. I hope next year to develop and take better care of this work. During the past year for lack of teachers we could not do better work in this department.

We had three *festas* during the year, in which the children showed that they were making good progress. We observed the national holidays with appropriate exercises with the high and noble purpose of developing the sentiment of true patriotism in the hearts of the children.

PETROPOLIS.

MISS ELIZA PERKINSON, 1898, Missouri Conference.

MISS MARY T. PESCU, 1898, North Carolina Conference.

MISS FLORENCE BARTON, 1911, St. Louis Conference.

Miss Mary Pescud, Principal *pro tem.*:

In presenting the annual report of this institution I hardly know whether to emphasize the remarkable success which has blessed it this year or the unusual difficulties which it has had to surmount during the last twelve months. Surely God has been with us, or we should have been overwhelmed. But though our skies have been far from serene, we have never had such a large enrollment nor such bright prospects for the coming year, nor have our friends and patrons ever been kinder in their declarations of esteem and appreciation.

During the year the exterior of the college and part of the interior have been repainted. This work must continue during the January and July vacations in order to put the place in good hygienic condition. One of our chief difficulties has been that of the water question; but this year it has assumed a new phase, so that we have at times been threatened with the entire loss of our water supply through governmental modifications of the private system which furnishes our water. This calamity has been averted through the kind offices of some of the most prominent gentlemen of the place, to whom we owe most grateful thanks. The city water company is on the eve of laying new and larger mains, with very heavy pressure; and as soon as this is done, we will connect with the city system, thus putting a permanent end to our troubles on that score.

In the middle of the year Bishop Lambuth was obliged to move my colleague, Miss Warne, to Piracicaba, giving me in her stead one of our new arrivals, Miss Barton, who has in every way shown herself a true sister and of the true missionary fiber.

Our work has been very heavy, but the help given by our assistants has been invaluable. One of our most experienced teachers left us very unexpectedly early in the year; but her place was at once filled by a young lady who, though less experienced, has given great satisfaction.

Our scholarship girls have done satisfactory work, with but slight exception; and the home workers who so generously contribute toward this important department of our work may feel sure that they are building wisely in giving these young girls their opportunity here. One of them, who has been receiving this help for some time, is now a pupil teacher, with a widening field of usefulness before her. The others are younger, but we are endeavoring to prepare them for self-support as they reach the age for it.

The Bible woman work has been carried on faithfully with careful supervision, but with very little active work on my part, as my manifold duties connected with the school have kept me very busy. I have also been Sunday school superintendent, but give that up with this year, as I cannot give the necessary attention to the duties connected with that office.

We rejoice in the prospect of Miss Perkinson's return during the coming year. She is much loved and greatly missed.

Pray for us that we may measure up to our opportunities and be equal to the demands made upon us.

PIRACICABA.

MISS L. A. STRADLEY, 1896, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS FANNIE K. BROWN, 1906, Holston Conference.

MISS ESTELLE HOOD (at home), 1906, North Georgia Conference.

MISS SARAH E. WARNE, 1909, Los Angeles Conference.

MISS VIRGINIA HOWELL, 1910, Little Rock Conference.

MISS SOPHIA SCHALCH, 1911, Brazil Mission Conference.

COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO.

Miss L. A. Stradley, Principal:

In many respects 1911 has been for us a good year. Unable to attend the annual meeting in Petropolis, I passed my vacation supervising repairs on the building—repairs which cost something like a thousand dollars. These improvements not only made the college family more comfortable, but strengthened the old building for many more years of service.

On February 2 school opened well and kept up well until November 30, despite an unusual number of changes in our faculty. Professor Sanders, who has been one of the most useful members of our corps for eleven years, was appointed to a chair in the Escola Agricola (Agricultural College) of the State; and though he still gives us three

hours a day, we have not ceased to feel our loss. Our highly valued Portuguese teacher was also forced to resign on account of failing health. Added to all this, Mrs. Brown, Miss Jennie Stradley, and Miss Hood went away for vacation in the middle of the year; and if Bishop Lambuth, Miss Glenn, and Miss Pescud had not combined in giving us Miss Warne, I don't know what might have happened to us.

The return of D. Sophia Schaleh was a cause of great rejoicing to us. She at once entered with all her soul into the kindergarten, and also made herself useful in our home and helpful to our pastor. Mrs. Manual, wife of a Y. M. C. A. secretary, came to our relief with the music class; but was taken ill before reaching Piracicaba, being unable to do any work for a month and only light work later.

To our inexpressible joy we received in April the first installment of the money for the erection of the Martha Watts Annex, and all of it is now in our hands, the last draft reaching us this week. I am sorry we cannot tell you that the building is ready for occupation, but things do not move as rapidly here as in other parts of the world. The roof is now about to go on. All who have seen the house pronounce it a very fine piece of work, solidly built; and when complete, it will be very imposing. A very striking feature of the beautiful and spacious auditorium will be a handsome memorial window, a loving tribute from the old pupils and friends of Miss Watts. Giving due credit to the sub-contractor here in Piracicaba and to his excellent force of workmen, we must still give the greatest credit for the success of the building to Mr. George Krug, perhaps the best architect in the city of Sao Paulo, whom Mr. Kennedy was so fortunate as to persuade to undertake the job. The city of Piracicaba as well as the Board of Missions is under obligations to him. As soon as we can enter this building, we should transform the present schoolrooms into dormitories, and for this reason I ask the same appropriations for repairs as last year.

Another source of joy to us was the visit of our beloved Bishop Lambuth, who knows from actual experience in mission fields just how and where to help us.

The matriculation this year has reached one hundred and forty-eight and the average attendance, counting specials, one hundred and twenty-three. Five young ladies finished our course, and promise to be excellent teachers. The Boarding Department is always full. The atmosphere of the school is wholesome, and I believe that the Methodist Church, through Collegio Piracicabano, has this year helped in bringing in the kingdom of Christ.

Miss Sarah E. Warne tells of her work at Piracicaba:

This has been a year especially rich in my experience, in that a larger view of this land and its people has been presented to me per-

sonally. The first half of the year I spent in Petropolis as Miss Pescud's assistant, and it was with great satisfaction that we noted the progress of the work there. Owing to the lack of workers in Piracicaba, the bishop appointed me to this place. My welcome to Piracicaba was genuine, and I have found plenty of work to keep me from getting lonely; but in passing from one State to another where people are vastly different in temperament, I find it no easy matter to become adjusted to the new conditions, and to-day, after a period of four months, my task seems hardly begun.

My time has been divided between the work of the classroom and that of the home. Superintending housework is the finest test of a missionary that I know. Her life is watched most closely; and if in this capacity her virtues do not measure up to the expectation of the pupils, her work in the classroom avails little. Are you surprised when I say that one finds ample opportunity for cultivating the art of "keeping sweet," as Miss Gibson has so often urged upon her family? How many times, when harmony seems an unknown factor, when Maria persists in leaving work half finished or Benedicta does not appear on the scene of her appointed task, when it would be so much easier to call a servant or even to do the work one's self than to depend upon the service of the children, the question arises: "Does it pay to exert so much strength on material things?" The answer is evident when we consider that these children who work have not the means to enter our school on any other terms. Thus were it for this privilege given them, they could never get an education. Then, too, we cannot overemphasize the importance of thoroughness in the development of character.

What has impressed me most is that Collegio Piracicabano draws pupils from distant and widely separated sections of the State of Sao Paulo, and the best which many of these localities have from an educational standpoint is what their respective pupils can bring them from us. A girl may not be what we consider a representative pupil, but in her circle she is a shining light. Before the close of another year we hope to occupy our new building and thus to be able to accommodate many more girls. In view of the great opportunities we cannot afford to be anything but thorough in the development of this young life. We must give our best in every sense of the term if we would touch this people in such a way as to bring honor to our Master.

Miss Virginia Howell:

My work for some months gave me sufficient time for language study, being increased gradually until I assumed full duties. My work during the year has been varied—classes in English, drawing, writing, and physical culture, and bookkeeping for the new building.

Others of the innumerable duties of the home have fallen to my share. In addition to this, I now have charge of the Children's Missionary Society of our Church.

The first event of moment of the year was the arrival in April of the first part of the appropriation for the Martha Watts Annex. Only those who had seen the foundations and corner stone making their mute and incessant appeal for the completion of the building can know our joy when we found that so soon our hopes and plans were to be realized. As soon as possible the work began. Miss Stradley will tell you all about it in her report; but I just can't help letting a little of the joy creep into mine too, for it has been such a pleasure to plan for the building and to watch it grow. The building will be an imposing one and a fitting monument to the one who founded our work in Brazil and labored here so long and faithfully. When it is connected with the old building and the repairs upon the latter are made, we shall have the finest school edifice in our city, with possibly the exception of the State Agricultural School.

BELLO HORIZONTE.

MISS BLANCHE HOWELL, 1902, Western North Carolina Conference.

MISS MAMIE FENLÉX, 1908, Brazil Conference.

MISS MIRIAM STEEL, 1910, Northwest Texas Conference.

COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX.

Miss Blanche E. Howell, Principal:

Much earnest classroom work has been done by both pupils and teachers, and in the teaching of the Bible we have His encouraging promise: "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." We had some splendid students, whom it was a pleasure to teach. The competition is great, with the government schools—ever striving for a more perfect organization—and with Catholic schools and private schools. We want our work to be truly evangelical. Should we not expect to see our children accepting the gospel, and through them to reach the parents? Our course of study is intended to develop the pupils morally, physically, and intellectually. We have rejoiced to see our girls developing higher ideals and desiring to continue their studies in order to pursue some professional career.

The bishop kindly sent us Miss Steel at Conference time, and she can testify to the fact that she has been fully occupied. We wonder how we managed without her.

The final exhibition of work was much superior to that of last year, and for three evenings parents and friends visited the school and enthusiastically praised the exhibit, the Mayor of the city being among the number. People who had never entered the building came on this oc-

casian. The closing *feita*, given in our own building, was well attended and appreciated. Dr. Carlos Goes, who has the chair of Portuguese in the Gymnasium and is also the author of several books, made the official address.

The matriculation during the last twelve months has been over one hundred and fifty. The health record has been fairly good.

A great improvement has been made in the grounds surrounding the college, the Mayor of the city kindly furnishing us with a large number of nice shade trees and decorative plants. We were also successful in securing a greater water supply, but of course this increases the water tax.

I let Miss Steel tell of her work in the school: "At Conference I was moved from Rio to Bello Horizonte. It was a great change from a day school to a boarding school, for in many respects the work is necessarily different; but my work here has been pleasant, and I sincerely hope that I may be allowed to stay in Bello Horizonte. The girls are very lovable; even the really naughty ones win their way into one's heart. I have had classes in English, one in geography, and have endeavored to express myself in Portuguese to a Sunday school class of girls. Although my time has been fully occupied, I feel that I have done very little; but I am beginning to learn the great lesson that results are to be always with God. It is our part to prepare the soil and sow the seed, leaving all the rest with him."

Miss Mamie Fenley tells particularly of the Sunday school:

As superintendent of the Sunday school I have used different methods to awaken the interest of the pupils and to secure a good attendance. We have used the temperature or thermometer charts, and by means of the monthly grades the pupils are classified. All who gain an average of ninety-two per cent and above have their names written on the honor roll at the end of each quarter. The prospects for next year are good, and we are planning to accomplish something for the Master.

RIBEIRAO PRETO.

MISS EUNICE F. ANDREW, 1907, Tennessee Conference.

MISS HELEN JOHNSTON, 1901, Louisiana Conference.

COLLEGIO METHODISTA.

Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Principal:

The work of the past year has been recorded, and the results are in the hands of our Master. Mistakes made cannot be corrected; yet we need not repeat them, and our Christian experiences henceforth may be more spiritual and Christlike. In the history of the Collegio Methodista the year may be counted as one of the best. Our opportunities have been

enlarged, receipts from the school have increased, the enrollment of students has advanced, and more of the higher-class families have been reached.

Thirteen years ago on the 5th of September Collegio Methodista began its existence. No money was in the treasury to rent a house, so the church was used for six weeks. For three weeks after the opening there was not a desk, blackboard, or a table except the little church table. As one little table could not accommodate eleven pupils for writing exercises, some would kneel on the floor and use their chairs for desks. School opened with eleven pupils, three of whom were pay pupils, and for three months they were the only pay pupils. When I think of this our small beginning, I realize how much the Lord hath wrought.

One of our charter pupils, now our most advanced student and also a pupil teacher, the one whom I expected to render good and faithful service to our Church and to our school as a teacher, has fallen a victim to Cupid's darts. Although we shall lose her in our school work, I am sure that her sweet Christian spirit will cause her to be a blessing to the circle in which she moves.

During the year seven of our girls united with the Church, and have entered into a new life, higher, nobler, and purer. Others were converted, but were not permitted by their parents to join our Church.

Our matriculation for the year was 157; matriculation of music pupils, 35, with an average of 22.

With regard to finances I have been able to report a balance on hand at the end of each quarter during the year. A purchase has been made of a house and strip of land which cut into our lot. With the exception of a small house and a very small garden, we now own the entire block. May the day soon come when we may have a large and well-equipped building on that ground! O that God would put it into the heart of some one to build a great woman's college in this city, the metropolis of the western part of the State of Sao Paulo, a college dedicated to the Christian education of Brazilian young women! The day is at hand when we must do good work, when we must have well-equipped schools or else fall behind the government schools. A school taught by Catholic nuns is to be opened here in February. Just how much this will injure us I do not know.

Some of our schools bemoan an occasional visit of a Catholic bishop to their city; but we have one with us the entire year, and there is only a partition fence between his yard and ours. However, my heart sometimes swells with joy when I realize that he can stand in his back door and see our playgrounds full of happy, contented children.

Our closing entertainment was highly praised. The theater was offered to us free of all expense by the "coffee king of the world," Col. Francisco Schmidt, a man who owns forty million coffee trees—more than any other one man in the world.

The year that has passed has not been lost. Although never satisfied

with our attainments, we have cause for rejoicing. Difficulties and trials have come, but at the year's end these sink out of view while our blessings stand out in bold relief. We know that God has been and ever will be with us.

SÃO PAULO.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS AMELIA ELERDING, 1892, Illinois Conference.

The year just closed has been full. There was much to do, yet so much remained undone that I cannot see what has been accomplished. I feel as did the little city girl who went out riding one day with her father to see the woods for the first time, and who, when she arrived there, exclaimed: "Papa, I cannot see the woods for all the trees!"

I was alone in São Paulo until May, when I succeeded in finding a Bible woman, whom I employed to work in the interest of the Central Church. In August Doña Nunzia Bevilacqua returned to São Paulo after living three years in Taubate, and the evangelistic helper's work was turned over to her. A Christian woman whose husband died last September spends some time working the Saracura district in the interest of the mission Sunday school held in her home, while my district is the entire city. The Elizabeth Nichols Bible woman works in her father's Church in Amparo, and the O. V. Trimble Bible woman also worked during the year. While my helpers do not lessen my labors nor diminish my responsibilities, yet it is a comfort to know that while I am busy with my work they are busy with theirs, each in her own district. In July it became necessary to move the Saracura mission Sunday school; and although the present building is smaller, the attendance has been much larger. It was astonishing to see the interest the children took in learning their pieces and songs for the Christmas *festa*, which was a success and by far exceeded our expectations. The *festa* was held in the front yard of the building, which was decorated with bamboos and small flags. Over one hundred came in the yard, while many more were in the street and in the neighbors' yard looking on.

The sale of the Italian property was a bitter disappointment for our little flock. It may be for the best, but we fail to see it in that light. Owing to the rise in the prices of land and building material, much more money will be necessary to get us what we need than was received from the sale. The proposition to close the Italian work has influenced and is still influencing the community against our mission, as no one wants to join a Church which will probably soon be abandoned. Bishop Lambuth assured us that a church would be built for the Italian work in Bom Retiro, the Italian suburb. Our faith and trust are in the Lord God of Israel.

Our Christmas *festa* in this mission was a success. The hall could not accommodate all who came, and many were standing at the doors

and windows looking in. It seemed as if the elder ones, as well as the children, vied with each other to do their very best, and the audience appreciated their efforts.

Thus closes the year. Mistakes have been made, yet we sincerely tried to do the best we could; and now we commit all to our Lord and Master, and trust him to enable us to do better work during the coming year.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL.

Miss Layonu Glenn, Superintendent of Mission.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
RIO DE JANEIRO.		
Collegio Americano Fluminense.....	70	Miss Hellen Hickman, Miss Lydia Ferguson.
Central Mission Day School...	253	Miss Trulie Richmond, Miss Margaret Simpson.
Day School (night classes)....	215	Miss Gabriella de Salles (native teacher).
Petropolis.....	79	Miss Eliza Perkinson, Miss Mary Pescud, Miss Florence Barton.
PIRACICABA.		
Collegio Piracicabano (Martha Watts Annex).....	148	Miss L. A. Stradley, Mrs. Fannie K. Brown, Miss Jennie Stradley, Miss Sarah Warne, Miss Estelle Hood, Miss Virginia Howell, Miss Sophie Schalch.
JUIZ DE FORA.		
Collegio Mineiro.....	160	Miss Ida Shaffer, Miss Daisy Pyles, Miss Leila Flossie Epps.
BELLO HORIZONTE.		
Isabella Hendrix	150	Miss Blanch Howell, Miss Mamie Fenley, Miss Miriam Steel.
SÃO PAULO.		
Evangelistic Work.....		Miss Amelia Elerding.
RIBEIRAO PRETO.		
Collegio Methodista	151	Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Miss Helen Johnston, Miss Murphy (teacher).
Total (8).....	1,226	23.

SOUTH BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

This mission was established by Bishop Lambuth in 1911. The women have work in only one station, Porto Alegre, a growing and enterprising city. No property is owned by us, and our women are working under great disadvantages in a rented building not suited to school purposes.

PORTO ALEGRE.

MISS ELIZABETH LAMB, 1906, North Carolina Conference.

MISS EMMA CHRISTINE, 1903, St. Louis Conference.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO.

Miss Lamb has been at home during the past year, and the report of this school and of the day school at the Institutional Church is made by Miss Christine, Principal *pro tem*.

Our work here has made some progress despite the many and peculiar trials through which we have passed. The year has been a difficult one, owing to changes made and to a lack of workers. In the day school in the factory district 203 pupils were matriculated, with an average attendance of 130. To the fidelity of the teachers is due the success of the year. They arranged a very pretty program for the closing day, which greatly pleased the parents of the children. A new school building is needed badly in that section of the city. At present the school occupies rooms in the rear of our handsome new church, but this is hard on the church. Without attempting to describe the present seating facilities, I shall simply state that desks are badly needed.

Seventy-one pupils were matriculated in the boarding school, where I have had my own "sweet" way all the year long. Eighteen of this number were boarders. The work went on quietly from the beginning to the close on the 15th of December. We are glad to report a good health record, despite the unsanitary condition of the house and grounds; also that there were no casualties, regardless of the fact that there was no teacher resident in the school. The parents who came for their children were kind enough to express themselves as well pleased with the progress of the year, but, my friends, I am not. It is utterly impossible for one person to do all that should be done in a boarding school. All the girls in the boarding department are members of the Church except four very small ones, and even these little ones took turns directing evening prayers. These girls, as a rule, were very good and helpful and gave just as little trouble as eighteen healthy, lively girls could give. We dropped some of the idlers by the wayside during the course of the year, but the better element remained until the close.

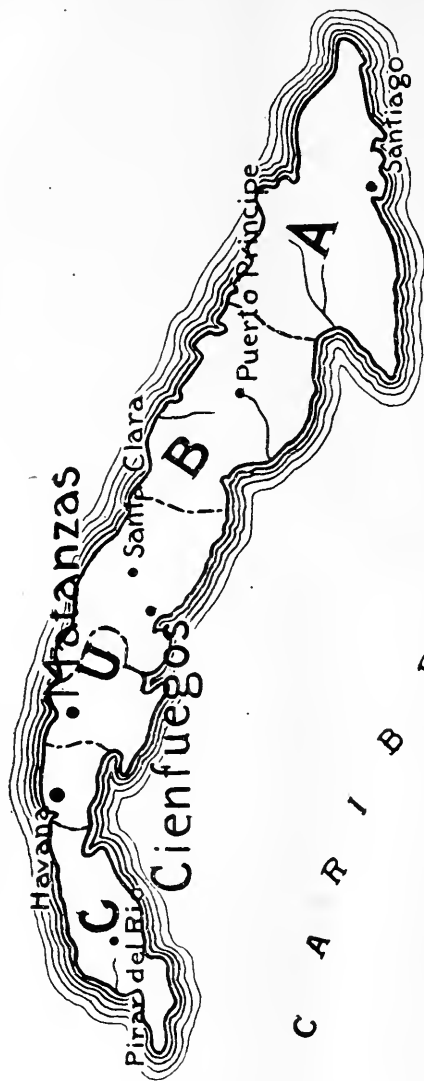
Porto Alegre is a city with a future. Though somewhat difficult of

access at present—being cut off from Rio by a tedious ocean voyage of from eight to fourteen days—all this will change when the railroad, which is to connect Porto Alegre with Rio de Janeiro, is completed and when the new port is opened. The city, already large, is growing rapidly; but our work is not keeping pace with the city. I am convinced that we have not another station in Brazil with greater opportunities and larger possibilities. Shall we prepare to meet them? Property should be bought for a boarding school just as soon as possible, as prices are advancing daily. We can never hope to have a school worthy the name “American” in our present quarters. There is much to be done here—work that will require the expenditure not only of money, but of physical, intellectual, and spiritual forces. Come to our help.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH BRAZIL.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
PORTO ALEGRE.		
Collegio Americano.....	71	Miss Elizabeth Lamb, Miss Emma Christine.
Day School.....	203	
Total (2).....	274	
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G U L F O F M E X I C O



C A R I B B E A N S E A

CUBA.

Cuba has been called a pearl, "The Pearl of the Antilles," but it seems rather an emerald, set in a sapphire sea. Its perpetual greenery and soft, flowing breezes are typical of the favor of indulgent nature. There every prospect pleases. A living is easily won from a not reluctant earth.

But men have marred what God made so fair. Cruelty and oppression, slavery, ignorance, vice, sensualism have been only too much at home there. These evils have been tempered only by the spiritual gospel and the weak-kneed morality of the Roman Catholic Church. All that has been suggested above concerning that Church in Mexico may be applied indiscriminately to Cuba, South America, Spain, and the rest. "Always the same" is an ancient boast of Rome—*semper eadem*. Unhappily the description is but too accurate. Romanism in Cuba is the same as Romanism in Italy. Ignorance, superstition, neglect of marriage, unstable political institutions, social disorder, paucity of schools mark all the lands where the only Christianity has been the debased alloy offered under that name by the Church of Rome.

Fortunately for Cuba, the oppression of Rome has been associated in the minds of her people with the oppression of Spain. The ecclesiastical tyranny was not less than the political autocracy. Both became hateful alike to the true patriots. Now, lest the Cubans confuse all Christianity with the Romish brand, we must hasten to show them a better way. Americans have sympathized with the political aspirations of these their neighbors. They helped them to their independence and are now stoutly guaranteeing it to them. This generosity may easily be capitalized for Christ, for it was the Spirit of Christ which prompted it. Our missionaries are welcomed in this great island and by these generous, impulsive, warm-hearted people.

Our woman's work is seeking to reach the people first

through their children. Our two schools, at Matanzas and at Cardenas, have already done well and are but preparing for greater things in the future.

MATANZAS.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND, 1881, Texas Conference.

MISS BELLE MARKEY, 1902, Florida Conference.

IRENE TOLAND SCHOOL.

Miss Rebecca Toland, Principal:

We have come to the end of the first full year in our new home. Having moved from the center of the town to the suburbs, we lost most of our former day pupils, and but for our boarding girls it was almost like making another beginning. Much of my time in the early part of the year was spent in trying to get the place in shape and in having repairs done on the house to make it more comfortable and suited to our needs.

We have not had in attendance the number I had hoped for, yet undoubtedly we have been able to do more solid, lasting work with the few we have had. We stress the point of attending the Church services, and make it the rule for our entire household to be regular in attendance.

We have seven girls in our normal class preparing to be teachers. Five of these are our Methodist girls. It is a source of regret that so few of our full-paying girls stay with us long enough to take the normal course. To make it more interesting for our normal girls, I have myself been giving them free lessons on the typewriter; but as we have only one machine, they get but little practice, though they are highly pleased with what they do get. I wish we could have, in addition to the scholarships we already have, an extra appropriation of \$900 a year to keep ten more of our Methodist girls in school—girls who would be glad of the chance of preparing themselves for teaching, but who are too poor to bear the expense.

On the whole, our pupils are doing good work in school, and our teachers are competent and deeply interested in the advancement of their grades.

Hereafter we will discontinue the English Department as a separate school, as the attendance is so small; but I have already begun to double the English classes in the regular Spanish course, and in the future will have but one course. Our aim now is to have all of our pupils know more of English, though they take the full course in Spanish.

Our Music Department is self-supporting. A Cuban professor from the town comes out on certain days of each week and gives the time necessary for the class.

Miss Belle Markey tells of her work in the school:

The repetition of little daily duties that really seem too insignificant to mention make up our lives. Still it is of importance to see that beds are made carefully, that dirt is not left in corners, and that orderly habits and quiet manners are cultivated. All the girls seem anxious to excel in their work, and do not have to be urged to study.

As I have had charge of the literary work in the Epworth League, I have tried to arouse an interest in good literature. Taken as a whole, the Cuban people do not read or are not wise in their selection of books. One is struck by the absence of books in the homes. I have formed five study classes, two of which have been held in the school, and I feel sure that much benefit has been derived from the work.

On account of the growth of the city, new factories, etc., the water supply has been insufficient for months; but new tanks are being put up on a hill above the town, so we hope to have an abundance shortly. The city administration is not what it should be. The streets have been neglected until walking is very difficult, and coachmen do not like to come up to our school. Should we get good streets, our town patronage will increase.

Very little money is in circulation. Many deny themselves and their families to put money into the lottery, hoping that they will draw a large sum. It is to be hoped that this curse of the nation will be voted out under the next administration.

We are hoping and praying that the hindrances to our growth may be removed, and that we may speedily enlarge our circle of usefulness.

CIENFUEGOS.

MISS HATTIE G. CARSON, 1895, South Georgia Conference.

MISS AGNES RUFF, 1907, South Carolina Conference.

MISS BESSIE STUBBS, Missionary Teacher, 1910, South Georgia Conference.

COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN.

Miss Hattie G. Carson, Principal:

"Another year's rich mercies prove
His ceaseless care and boundless love."

Yes, we are sure that our Lord is watching over this part of his vineyard. We have prospered, notwithstanding the restless condition of the people and that a great many of our patrons are out of employment. It is true that we have had to make special prices to some; but this we have done gladly, knowing their inability to meet the full expenses as formerly.

This year we have enrolled 160 pupils. One hundred of these attend the Sunday school, League, or church, forty-two are members of our

own Church, while several others are Presbyterians or Baptists. At present we have twenty boarders, this number being as many as we can conveniently accommodate. Sixteen of these girls are members of the Church, and are trying to lead Christian lives. One is Secretary and the other is Treasurer of the Sunday school, and another is organist for the infant class.

Our progressive and beloved pastor, Mr. John Caperton, has done a great deal toward arousing new zeal and interest in all Church work. Recently he has organized a beginners' department in the Sunday school, and the little ones are very proud and happy over their separate work. Their vigorous singing is heard above all others at times. During the review of the lessons they come into the main body of the church and show how faithfully they have been taught. Miss Bessie Stubbs, our missionary teacher, and Rosa Ana Nonell, our Missouri scholarship girl, have charge of the class.

If the ladies of New Franklin could know Rosa Ana, or Lizzie Blankenbaker (her American name), they would feel more than repaid for the money they have invested in her for the last four years. During the summer she and nine others of our school took the public school teachers' examinations and received their certificates giving them authority to teach. Now Rosa Ana and Romona Rizo, who were here on a scholarship for a short time, are teachers in our school.

We attend all church services and do all we can to forward the work. Our line, twenty-six strong, is beginning to look quite impressive as we march over to the church; so it is no wonder that the Catholic children have been told that they will be expelled from *Las Hijas de Maria* (The Daughters of Mary), a much-esteemed society, if they continue to attend our school. Their excuses for not studying the Bible are varied and numerous.

The health of the children has been good, and it is fortunate that it has been so, as we have no place whatever in which to isolate a case of sickness. If a child takes a cold, the whole school is likely to become infected. Bad as are these conditions, we see no remedy at present. There are only six bedrooms, and the four teachers and twenty children fill them. The dining room and parlor are also used for classes, so we really have outgrown the present capacity of the house.

It would seem selfish to ask for money to enlarge the house when so many are without a home; but when our ladies see proper and can do so, there is plenty of space in which to add a wing to the present building. We would be very thankful to secure this addition as soon as possible.

My work this year has been as varied as usual. Teaching and over-looking affairs in general have occupied my time. The children seem to look upon me as a mother, and come to me with all their joys and trials. This takes time but keeps me in touch with them all.

Misses Ruff, Fox, and Stubbs have all been busy with their different

departments, each doing good work. After dinner, which we have at half past four, they do their visiting for the school. They have visited all of the families connected with the school more than once.

We are all doing what we can to give these children a Christian education and to save souls.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN CUBA.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
MATANZAS.		
Irene Toland School.....	55	Miss Rebecca Toland, Miss Belle Markey.
CIENFUEGOS.		
Eliza Bowman.....	160	Miss Hattie Carson, Miss Agnes Ruff, Miss Bessie Stubbs (missionary teacher).
Total (2).....	215	4.

Value of property, \$37,500.

INDIAN WORK.

MT. SCOTT, OKLA.

Miss Agnes Welch:

The first five months of the year we spent in school and visitation work. Miss Hudgins had charge of work in the schoolroom. A noon luncheon was served the children, which took most of my time in the forenoon. Each afternoon and all day on Saturday I gave to visitation work, in which I kept up several Bible classes. Miss Hudgins did good work in the school until the close of May, at which time she left the work.

Through the summer I gave my time to visiting in the homes, with good results.

We were greatly encouraged by a visit from Mrs. Spaulding in July in the interest of the work. She spent a short while at our annual camp meeting, where she had an opportunity to see many of the Indians in camp, some of whom she had met before.

It was decided in the fall not to reopen the school. I was authorized to turn the school building into a cottage for a worker's home and give my time entirely to the evangelistic work in the field. This I am doing, visiting in four different settlements from twelve to thirty miles from home, taking one of the Indian girls with me as a companion and interpreter. Through the year I have traveled 1,040 miles and made 312 visits. The changeable weather interferes greatly with my work. In winter a bright, warm day seems to warn us of a coming blizzard the next.

The two forces with which I am trying to deal seem very much alike. From their long abode in this climate the Indians seem to have partaken of the nature of the weather. On one occasion recently I traveled fifty-two miles in two days and made only three visits. The other homes were locked, no one being at home. I found one family who had left a warm house and were in camp on the creek bank.

Our Sunday school and Church work have been kept up through the year, with much interest manifested.

The year has just closed with a pleasant Christmas season. With equal interest the young and old look forward to this time of giving. They began to move in early, so a week before Christmas the usual little village of tents was grouped near the church. Christmas Eve found the church beautifully decorated in the Indians' own artistic way, and there was a well-filled tree. We arranged a short program with the children, which was rendered first. Then followed a testi-

mony service in Kiowa, during which the usual thank offerings were given, amounting to forty dollars. Following this each was made glad by a gift. Notwithstanding the extremely cold weather, all remained in camp the following week, looking forward to the watch night. Services were held each night. Sometimes my father preached to the older ones while I held a service with the young people. The last service was the crowning one. My father preached from Matthew xxiv. 38, after which a service was held in Kiowa. The prayer and praise continued until the Holy Spirit seemed to fall upon them in power. From all over the house could be heard "*A-ho* [thank you], *Jesus!*" As the old year was dying they marched out in front of the church singing. The beautiful Kiowa songs, mingled with the clear peals of the old church bell, were very impressive. The young as well as the old began the new year with better determinations.

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Ap- pointed.	NAME.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.	Post-office Address.
1878..	Miss Lochie Rankin.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Huchow, China, via Shanghai.
1881..	Miss Rebecca Toland.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	Texas.....	Matanzas, Cuba.
1883..	Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.
1884..	Miss Virginia Atkinson.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	North Alabama.....	Soochow, China.
1887..	Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Seoul, Korea.
1887..	Miss Lelia Roberts.....	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Apartado 77, Saltillo, Mexico.
1889..	Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.
1889..	Miss Ellie B. Tydings*.....	Anthony, Fla.....	Florida.....	Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico.
1890..	Miss Helen L. Richardson.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Hankow Road 21, Shanghai, China.
1890..	Miss Lucy Harper.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.....	Apartado 50, Chihuahua, Mexico.
1892..	Miss Alice G. Waters.....	Murray, Ky.....	Memphis.....	Sungkong, China.
1892..	Miss Martha Pyle.....	Roscoe, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	Soochow, China.
1892..	Miss Mildred B. Bomar.....	Marshall, Tex.....	East Texas.....	Huchow, China, via Shanghai.
1892..	Mrs. Julia Gaither.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Sungkong, China.
1892..	Miss Amelia Elderling*.....	Napierville, Ill.....	.....	Rua Imigrantes 151, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
1892..	Miss Delia Holding.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.
1894..	Miss Layona Glenn.....	Conyers, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Collegio Americano Fluminense, Praia de Potafogo 118, Rio de Janeiro.
1894..	Miss Esther Case.....	Batesville, Ark.....	White River.....	Mexico City, Mexico.
1894..	Miss Clara Steger.....	Mountain Grove, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	Huchow, China, via Shanghai.
1895..	Miss Eliza Perkins.....	Salisbury, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Petropolis, Brazil.
1895..	Miss Hattie G. Carson.....	Savannah, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba.
1896..	Miss Ella D. Leveritt.....	High Shoals, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Changchow, China.
1896..	Miss Margaret Polk, M.D.....	Perryville, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Soochow, China.
1896..	Miss Lily A. Stradley.....	Granbury, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.....	Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba, B.

* Home on leave.

1896..	Miss Ida Shaffer.....	Carrollton, Mo....	Missouri.....	Collegio Mineiro, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.
1896..	Miss Edith Park.....	Galveston, Tex....	Texas.....	Laredo, Tex.
1897..	Miss Laura V. Wright.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.....	Laredo, Tex.
1897..	Miss Annie Churchill.....	Georgetown, Tex....	Central Texas.....	Laredo, Tex.
1898..	Miss Mary Pescud.....	Raleigh, N. C.....	North Carolina.....	Collegio Americano, Petropolis, Brazil.
1899..	Miss Fannie B. Moling.....	McCall, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
1899..	Miss Mary M. Tarrant.....	Galveston, Tex....	Texas.....	Soochow, China.
1900..	Miss Sue Ford.....	Paris, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
1901..	Miss Ida Anderson.....	Jackson, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Changechow, China.
1901..	Miss Helen Johnston.....	Opelousas, La.....	Louisiana.....	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.
1901..	Miss May Treadwell*.....	Edgewood, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico.
1901..	Miss Mary Culler White.....	Macon, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Soochow, China.
1901..	Miss Norwood E. Wynn.....	Dallas, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Instituto Colon, Guadalajara, Mexico.
1902..	Miss Blanche Howell.....	Morganton, N. C.....	Western N. Carolina.....	Isabella Hendrix, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
1902..	Miss Belle Markey.....	Lake Butler, Fla.....	Florida.....	Matanzas, Cuba.
1903..	Miss Emma Christine.....	Ferguson, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil.
1904..	Miss Janie Watkins.....	Jackson, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Soochow, China.
1904..	Miss Margaret Rogers.....	Marlin, Tex.....	Texas.....	Soochow, China.
1904..	Miss Elhasne Wagner.....	Franklin, W. Va.....	Holston.....	Songdo, Korea.
1905..	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	21 Haukow Road, Shanghai, China.
1905..	Miss Irene S. King.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Sungkong, China.
1905..	Miss Mattie M. Ivey.....	Calvert, Tex.....	Texas.....	Seoul, Korea.
1905..	Miss Cordelia Erwin.....	Dexter, Ky.....	Memphis.....	Songdo, Korea.
1905..	Mrs. Fannie Brown.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....	Holston.....	Piracicaba, Brazil.
1906..	Miss Sophia Manns.....	Mexia, Tex.....	Northwest Texas ..	Sungkong, China.
1906..	Miss Nettie Peacock*.....	Macon, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Sungkong, China.
1906..	Miss Mary Lou White.....	Norfolk, Va.....	Virginia.....	Huchow, China.
1906..	Miss Emma S. Lester*.....	Augusta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Soochow, China.

* Home on leave.

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1906..	Miss Elizabeth Lamb.....	Fayetteville, N. C.....	North Carolina.....	Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Br'zil.
1906..	Miss Estelle Hood*.....	Commerce, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Collegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Br'zil.
1906..	Miss Mary D. Myers.....	Ashturn, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Wonsan, Korea.
1906..	Miss Lillian E. Nichols*.....	Jesup, Fla.....	Florida.....	Seoul, Korea.
1907..	Miss Eunice F. Andrew.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.
1907..	Miss Linnie Barcroft.....	Holly Springs, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Mexico City, Mexico.
1907..	Miss Alma E. Jones.....	Webb City, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Durango, Mexico.
1907..	Miss Nell D. Drake*.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Soochow, China.
1907..	Mrs. S. S. Harris*.....	Citra, Fla.....	Florida.....	Sungkong, China.
1907..	Miss Agnes Ruff*.....	Wallaceville, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba.
1908..	Miss Mamie Fenley.....	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil..	Brazil.....	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.
1908..	Miss Daisy Pyles.....	Juiz de Fora, Brazil.....	Brazil.....	Collegio Mineiro, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.
1908..	Miss Kate Cooper.....	Douglasville, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Wonsan, Korea.
1908..	Miss M. F. Johnstone.....	Dawson, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Songdo, Korea.
1908..	Miss Trulie Richmond.....	Ennis, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.....	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
1908..	Miss Mary E. Massey.....	Iuka, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	Instituto Colon, Guadalaajara, Mexico.
1908..	Miss Julia Wasson.....	Creek, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China.
1908..	Miss Kate Smallwood.....	New Albany, Miss.....	North Mississippi ..	Soochow, China.
1908..	Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne.....	Zwolle, La.....	Louisiana.....	Durango, Mexico.
1909..	Miss Hallie Bute.....	Caseyville, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Wonsan, Korea.
1909..	Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick.....	Asheville, N. C.....	Western N. Carolina.....	Mexico City, Mexico.
1909..	Miss Laura Edwards.....	Hereford, Tex.....	Northwest Texas	Choon Chun, Korea.
1909..	Miss Tommie Foster.....	Tehula, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Changchow, China.
1909..	Miss Bessie Houser*.....	Perry, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China.

* Home on leave.

1909..	Miss Hellen Hickman	Sherman, Tex	North Texas	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
1909..	Miss Clara Park	Sandersville, Ga	South Georgia	21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China.
1909..	Miss Leila Judson Tuttle	Morgantou, N. C.	Western N. Carolina	21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China.
1909..	Miss Minnie Varner	Santa Ana, Cal.	Alabama	Instituto Colon, Guadalaajara, Mexico
1909..	Miss Sara E. Warne	Livingston, Ala.	Los Angeles	Piracicaba, Brazil.
1909..	Miss Hardynia Norville	Richmond, Va.	Alabama	Laredo, Mexico.
1910..	Miss Sarah J. Smith	Austin, Tex	Virginia	Huchow, China.
1910..	Miss Margaret Beadle	Pelahatchie, Miss	West Texas	Soochow, China.
1910..	Miss Nevada Martin	Hopkins, Mo.	Mississippi	Soochow, China.
1910..	Miss Dora Otis	Lexington, Ga.	Missouri	Soochow, China.
1910..	Miss Alice Dean Noyes	Marshall, Mo.	North Georgia	Wonsan, Korea.
1910..	Miss Bertha A. Smith	Hamilton, Tex.	Southwest Missouri	Seoul, Korea.
1910..	Miss Johnnie Pierson	Prescott, Ark.	Northwest Texas	Durango, Mexico.
1910..	Miss Virginia Howell	Brownwood, Tex.	Little Rock	Piracicabano Americano, Piracicaba, B.
1910..	Miss Miriam Steel	Charleston, S. C.	Northwest Texas	Bel'o Horizonte, Brazil.
1910..	Miss Maria Wightman Capers	Zora, Mo.	South Carolina	Chihuahua, Mexico.
1910..	Miss Ellen Alfter	Texarkana, Tex.	Southwest Missouri	Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
1911..	Miss Rachel Jarrett	Kingstree, S. C.	Texas	Brazil.
1911..	Miss Lella F. Epps	Fredericktown, Mo.	South Carolina	Juiz de Fora, Brazil.
1911..	Miss Florence Barton	Belton, Tex.	St. Louis	Petropolis, Brazil.
1911..	Miss Lydia Ferguson	Little Rock, Ark.	Central Texas	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
1911..	Miss Margaret Simpson	Piracicaba, Brazil	Arkansas	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
1911..	Miss Sophia Schalch	Stanford, Tex. ....	.....	Piracicaba, Brazil.
1911..	Miss Mittie Shelton	Lynch, Va.	Northwest Texas	Huchow, via Shanghai, China.
1911..	Miss Annie Clare Bradshaw	St. Joseph, Mo.	Virginia	Huchow, via Shanghai, China.
1911..	Miss Bessie Bell Combs	Arlington, Ky.	Missouri	Singkong, China.
1911..	Miss Carrie Una Jackson	Crawfordsville, Ga.	Memphis	Cheon Chut, Korea.
1911..	Miss Bertha Tucker		North Georgia	Seoul, Korea.

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Ap- pointed.	NAME.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.	Post-office Address.
1911..	Miss Ida Hankins.....	Wilmington, N. C.....	North Carolina.....	Seoul, Korea.
1911..	Miss Hortense Tinsley.....	Americus, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Songdo, Korea.
1911..	Miss Lillie M. Reed.....	Ada, Okla.....	East Oklahoma.....	Songdo, Korea.
1911..	Miss Mattie M. Barker.....	Warsaw, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Wonsan, Korea.
1911..	Miss Lena Clara Koch.....	Llano, Tex.....	West Texas.....	Korea.
1911..	Miss Clara Beverly Cain.....	Irvington, Ky.....	Louisville.....	Durango, Mexico.
1911..	Miss Frankie Hooper.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Saltillo, Mexico.
1911..	Miss Virginia Booth.....	Austin, Tex.....	West Texas.....	Mexico.
1912..	Miss Eva Louise Hyde.....	Salisbury, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Brazil.
1912..	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Brazil.
1912..	Miss Lucy Henderson.....	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	South Georgia.....	Brazil.
1912..	Miss Ethel Polk.....	Kansas.....	South Georgia.....	China.
1912..	Miss Theodosia Wales.....	Binghamton, N. Y.....	North Georgia.....	China.
1912..	Miss Alice Green.....	Goldston, N. C.....	North Carolina.....	China.
1912..	Miss Nina Troy.....	Greensboro, N. C.....	Western N. Carolina.....	China.
1912..	Miss Flora Herndon.....	Elberton, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	China.
1912..	Miss Edith Hayes.....	Birmingham, Ala.....	North Alabama.....	China.
1912..	Miss Frances Burkhead.....	Winston-Salem, N. C.....	Western N. Carolina.....	China.
1912..	Miss Bessie Oliver.....	Unadilla, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Korea.
1912..	Miss Laura V. Summers.....	Barnesville, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Korea.
1912..	Miss Carrie F. Minor.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Korea.
1912..	Miss Mae Owings.....	Fountain Inn, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	Korea.
1912..	Miss Charley M. Cunningham.....	Lindsay, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Mexico.
1912..	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson.....	College Grove, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	Mexico.

1913..	Miss Lillie F. Fox.....	Fort Worth, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Mexico.
1912..	Miss Jennie Stradley.....	Granbury, Tex.....	Central Texas.....	Brazil.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

1908..	Miss Laura Lee.....	.....	Tennessee.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
1910..	Miss Bessie Stubbs.....	Savannah, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba.
1911..	Miss Madge Hendry.....	Huehow, China.....	.....	Soochow, China.

Statistics of the Foreign Department, 1911-12.

	Missionaries.	Native and Foreign Helpers.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Total Pupils.
China.....	35	50	6	569	26	949	1,518
Korea.....	18	20	5	443	10	303	746
Brazil.....	35	35	7	829	4	671	1,500
Mexico.....	27	81	2	1,954	4	191	2,145
Cuba.....	4	14	2	215	.....	.....	215
Total.....	109	202	27	4,010	44	2,114	6,124

	Bible Women.	Bible Schools.	Scholarships.	Hospitals.	Patients During Year.	Buildings Owned by Board.	Buildings Rented by Board.	Value of Property Owned by Board.
China.....	63	2	257	1	6,223	15	4	\$340,355
Korea.....	86	3	193	.....	.....	8	.....	85,000
Brazil.....	8	.....	63	.....	.....	4	5	122,000
Mexico.....	13	.....	191	.....	.....	13	5	300,000
Cuba.....	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	2	.....	37,500
Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	100,000
Total.....	170	5	747	1	6,223	43	14	\$984,855

Membership in 1912..... 99,886.

Membership in 1911..... 99,626.

**Missionaries Sent Out by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, but Not Now
Active in the Service.**

Ap- pointed.	NAME.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.
1879..	Miss Dora Rankin*.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.
1881..	Miss Annie Williams†.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	Texas.
1881..	Miss Mattie Watts.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.
1882..	Miss Anna J. Muse†.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1882..	Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.
1882..	Miss Sarah Buford.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1883..	Miss Mattie B. Jones.....	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1883..	Miss Jennie C. Wolf.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.
1884..	Miss Laura A. Haygood*.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1884..	Miss Dona Hamilton*.....	Paris, Tex.....	North Texas.
1884..	Miss Mildred M. Philips, M.D.†.	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.
1884..	Miss Lou E. Philips.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.
1884..	Miss Mary W. Bruce†.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri.
1887..	Miss Emma E. Kerr†.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.
1887..	Miss Kate R. Roberts*.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.
1887..	Miss Addie F. Gordon*.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1887..	Miss Elizabeth Hughes.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1887..	Miss Lula H. Lipscomb*.....	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1887..	Miss Ada Reagan†.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.
1887..	Miss Marcia Marvin*.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.
1888..	Miss Augusta V. Wilson*.....	Charlestown, W. Va....	Baltimore.
1888..	Miss Mary McClellan†.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1888..	Miss Ella Granbery†.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.
1889..	Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1889..	Miss A. Clara Chrisman*.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1889..	Miss Ella Yarrell*.....	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.
1889..	Miss Lida Howell*.....	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1889..	Miss Flora Baker.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1889..	Miss Lula Ross.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama.
1889..	Miss Sallie M. Philips.....	Homer, La.....	Louisiana.
1890..	Miss Mattie Dorsey†.....	Charlestown, W. Va....	Baltimore.
1890..	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford.....	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville.
1890..	Miss May Littleton Smithey*.....	Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia.
1890..	Miss Mary Turner†.....	Sharpsburg, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1890..	Miss Kate P. Fannin†.....	Blountstown, Fla.....	Florida.
1891..	Miss Mollie F. Brown.....	Austin, Tex.....	Texas.
1891..	Miss Kate C. McFarren*.....	Durango, Mex.....	New Jersey.
1892..	Miss Sue P. Blake†.....	Miccosukee, Fla.....	Florida.
1892..	Miss Emma Gary†.....	Elberton, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1892..	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds†.....	Columbia, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1892..	Miss Alice Moore.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1892..	Miss Susan Littlejohn†.....	Pacolet, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1892..	Miss Bessie Moore†.....	Savannah, Tenn.....	Tennessee.

* Deceased.

† Married.

**Missionaries Sent Out by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, but Not Now
Active in the Service (Continued).**

Ap- pointed.	NAME.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.
1892..	Miss Anne Walter, M.D†.....	Holly Springs, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1894..	Miss Ella Coffey†.....	Long Mountain, Va.....	Virginia.
1895..	Miss Willie Bowman†.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	Missouri.
1895..	Miss May Umberger†.....	Wytheville, Va.....	Holston.
1895..	Miss Viola Blackburn.....	Holly Springs, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1896..	Miss Lizzie Martin†.....	Chapel Hill, N. C.....	North Carolina.
1896..	Miss Johnnie Sanders†.....	Union, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1897..	Miss Susie E. Williams†.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	Los Angeles.
1897..	Miss Mary L. Richardson*....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.
1897..	Miss Leonora D. Smith†.....	Electric, Ala.....	Alabama.
1898..	Miss Fannie Hinds†.....	Mt. Sterling, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1899..	Miss Arrena Carroll †.....	Mt. Crawford, Va.....	Baltimore.
1899..	Miss Lela McNemar.....	Edwards, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1899..	Miss Clara B. Fullerton.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.
1900..	Miss Sadie Harbaugh†.....	Washington, D. C.....	Baltimore.
1900..	Miss Elizabeth Davis†.....	Durham, N. C.....	North Carolina.
1900..	Miss Alice Griffith†.....	Marion, Ky.....	Louisville.
1900..	Miss June Nicholson*.....	Edgefield, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1900..	Miss Mollie Cessna.....	Utica, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1901..	Miss Maidee Smith.....	Lagrange, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1901..	Miss Orien Alexander†.....	Brookfield, Mo.....	Missouri.
1901..	Miss Mary Knowles†.....	Macon, Ga.....	South Georgia.
1901..	Miss Ida May Stewart†.....	Leesburg, Fla.....	Florida.
1901..	Miss Lily Whitman.....	Eupora, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1901..	Miss Ellen B. Carney.....	Plant City, Fla.....	—.
1901..	Miss Della V. Wright.....	Anderson, S. C.....	—.
1902..	Miss Josephine Hounshell†....	Corinth, Va.....	Holston.
1903..	Miss Loula M. Norville.....	Livingston, Ala.....	Alabama.
1903..	Miss Ara Riggins.....	Pasadena, Cal.....	—.
1904..	Miss Ada Parker.....	New Orleans, La.....	Louisiana.
1906..	Miss Eleanor D. Dye†.....	Evansville, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1907..	Dr. Emily Runyon.....	Richmond, Va.....	—.
1907..	Miss Ruby Kendrick*.....	Plano, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1907..	Miss Martha Ivie Batey †.....	Murfreesboro, Tenn....	Tennessee.
1907..	Miss Ruby Lilly †.....	Quitman, Ga.....	South Georgia.
1907..	Miss Augusta May Dye.....	Plano, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1907..	Miss Emma I. Steger.....	Mountain Grove, Mo...	—.
1909..	Miss Martha Nutt.....	Fort Worth, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1909..	Miss Valeria Vollmer.....	Porto Alegre, Brazil....	—.
1909..	Miss Elsie Lowe.....	Midlothian, Tex.....	—.

*Deceased.

‡Married.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF INSTITUTIONS.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

SUE BENNETT SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.—J. C. LEWIS, PRESIDENT.

Established 1892.

I beg to submit the sixteenth annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

The year has been prosperous, everything considered. The enrollment was 422, the largest in the history of the school. Tuition amounted to \$6,351, of which \$4,300 was paid to the General Treasurer and \$1,800 transferred to other accounts.

Much work was done during the summer and fall by which the comfort and efficiency of the plant were greatly improved and increased. A heating plant was installed in the main building, and also modern plumbing at a cost of \$2,500. The fourth floor of the girls' hall, now occupied by students, was finished and furnished at a cost of \$1,900. A new porch was added, also a coal bin and retaining wall of concrete, some 2,500 square feet of concrete walks, and a system of waterworks. In addition, the boys' hall and principal's residence were fitted with modern sanitary plumbing, a septic tank was built, a classroom prepared in the basement of the main building, and the old dormitory, with five students' cottages, repaired and resingled. We are now looking forward to the time when we shall have a new chapel and high school, a central heating plant and laundry, a wood-working shop and forge, and a good, modern gymnasium.

A high character of classroom work was done during the past year, and the discipline was excellent. The Sue Bennett School is noted for two things: thoroughness in work and a high standard of conduct. Ten of our graduates are now attending the State University, and they are making a record excelled by the students of no other school in the State.

"The best of all is the Lord is with us," for while we were unable to employ outside help in evangelistic services, scores of students found the Lord. Praise his holy name!

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. C. H. TROWBRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

Established 1903.

In many ways the Brevard School is having the best year of the present administration. The dining room has never been so full, and it is doubtful if the student body has ever averaged so high in earnestness and in good behavior. There are more boys than ever before in the dormitories, and they are a fine lot of boys. The record of every one was investigated before he was admitted, and there is not a black sheep among them. There has been some dropping off in the attendance of day pupils since last spring. This seems to be due to two causes: In the first place, Brevard graded school is much more satisfactory than heretofore, and it holds the local pupils better than formerly. As this public school has become better able to do its work, the Institute has set a higher standard for those whom it admits,

for it was necessary to overlook some things when strict justice would have turned a thoughtless child out on the street.

Property.

The school property now consists of about fifteen acres with four cottages besides the main building, which serves as dormitory, school, and dining hall. One cottage is a home for the principal, one is a dormitory and study hall for boys, and the other two are used as dormitories for teachers and girls.

Departments.

The academic work is done in ten grades. Special emphasis is placed throughout on English, spelling, penmanship, and composition, and consequently less time is given to Latin and high school mathematics than in most ten-grade schools. No senior is permitted to graduate except for honor work in every line. For them a passable performance of any task is a failure. The normal students complete all ninth grade studies, but substitute technical courses in pedagogy for some senior classical branches. They do practice teaching, and after graduation have teachers' certificates granted to them on the same terms as first grade certificates are renewed. The commercial students take very thorough courses in bookkeeping and stenography, and also do actual office work and receive some of the benefits which come only from explaining difficulties to others. They do not graduate until they show high proficiency in spelling and composition. The dressmaking and millinery classes begin with simple exercises, but conclude with stylish dresses and hats that will bear the closest inspection inside and out. Students of household economics have recitations on all phases of their subject—cooking, cleaning, laundering, buying, serving, nursing—and are required to demonstrate their skill and ability by doing, and also by planning and managing. The Music Department stresses technical studies and tries to aid in the general idea of training for accuracy. There are several pupil recitals each year. The agriculture course is parallel with the normal course, its students taking farming, stock-raising, horticulture, and agricultural physics. In every department every effort is made to make the pupils accurate and capable, and practical means are used to that end. College work is not attempted anywhere, but all courses of study are specially designed to do the most good in a limited time to those who cannot attend college.

The Christian training is becoming better organized. The regular work consists of a four-year study of the Bible, followed by two years of mission study, and supplemented by Philathea and teacher-training classes in the Sunday school and by almost every phase of young people's work. The home mission class studies the home mission societies, the Sunday school, the Epworth League, and the Methodist Church. The foreign mission class makes a careful study of some one mission land and takes rapid survey of others. Nearly every pupil is a Christian whose faith is living and manifests itself by its works. The graduates of the various departments are doing well financially; but, far above that, they are taking their places in the work of the Church in the communities where they locate.

Needs.

Few schools are making limited resources go farther. All these departments are maintained with nine full teachers and three who

give part of their time, and with an appropriation of less than four thousand dollars and at tuition fees which range from \$13.50 to \$22.50 for the year. The building is so overcrowded that further advance is impossible until a new administration building is provided to supply adequate accommodations for every department. Furnishings for schoolrooms and bedrooms will then be needed. Some adjoining properties should be purchased before the new building increases their value. The Institute is constructing its own courses of study, and is even making splendid teachers among its student body; but it cannot at the same time minister to the needy people for whom it was designed and also make money to hold strong teachers or to house them or their pupils.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS, THOMASVILLE, GA.

Prof. E. E. Bishop in Charge.

Established 1903.

The general health of the school during the ten months covered by this report has been usually good. Two girls, sisters, were taken seriously ill the same hour and were in bed two weeks. With this exception, we have had no sickness severe enough to require a physician.

We have enrolled the past ten months one hundred and six students, an increase of ten over enrollment of the preceding year. All Southern States are represented except Maryland.

Teachers and Instruction.

In addition to the matron and the outside helper who looks after the lawn, flowers, dairy, chicken, etc., we have the Superintendent, two literary teachers and two industrial teachers and one music teacher. Miss Miller is the literary and Miss Chambers is the industrial teacher for the second, third, fourth, and fifth grades. Miss Sinkey is the literary and Miss Baber is the industrial teacher for the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades.

The work is so arranged that two grades or divisions are in school while two or more are under the industrial teachers. At the end of two hours the grades change and reverse the order. In the industrial classes of the lower grades the girls make baskets, sample sewing books, crochet work, drawn work, and a complete set of doll garments. The higher industrial classes make garments, cut, fit, and make all of our clothing. We have classes also in the theory of sewing, including the study of different textiles, their characteristics, and adaptability.

Under matron and outside helper we give the girls exercise and experience in serving, sweeping, scrubbing, lawn work, laundering, dairy, and cookery. The older girls also have lessons in the theory and practice of cooking in our new cottage designed for that purpose.

False accounts of the scope of our industries sometimes get abroad. It has been reported that Vashti girls are required to do the teachers' laundry, chop the fire wood, work the farm, dig wells, and mine coal. All of these reports are entirely false. Our teachers are all good women and are doing valuable work. Those that have been here longest, however, are feeling the wear of the constant responsibility.

Religious Services.

Chapel in the morning, prayers at night, and Bible classes in school constitute our regular religious services, while an active Y. W. C. A. and two or more mission study classes are carried on independently. During the year a revival was held at the Methodist church, at which most of the Vashti girls made profession of faith.

Finances.

Our plant here, consisting of two three-story buildings, ten factory cottages, and a farm of sixty-five acres, with auxiliary equipments such as steam heat, electric light, and waterworks, is perhaps worth thirty thousand dollars. The farm has been a valuable adjunct to our support, and without it we would have to curtail our work or go begging.

During the past ten months we received from the Woman's Missionary Council and other outside sources a total of \$8,400 for the support of about one hundred persons, including teachers and their salaries, amounting to \$3,500.

We are a month behind now on payment of store bills, etc., but otherwise sound, as far as running expenses are concerned. We owe two notes aggregating \$2,000, and have notes as assets amounting to \$340, leaving \$1,660 to be paid.

Vashti has this year fallen heir to a half interest in Thomasville property, valued at \$2,700; but unfortunately a contest has been filed against the will. The case is to be tried on April 1.

Improvements and Products.

This year we have built one five-room cottage worth about \$600. We have doubled the capacity of our waterworks by purchase of a gasoline engine, a large pump, and the erection of a new tower supporting a tank with a capacity of 3,500 gallons. We have calcimined or painted nearly all of the rooms of the lower story of the main building, 150x40. We have screened one floor of dormitory, same dimensions, have cleared three acres of woodland, purchased farm machinery and stock to the value of \$360, and a good piano worth \$180.

We have produced on the farm \$1,000 worth of dairy products, \$250 worth of pork, have sold \$400 of truck and stock, canned several hundred jars of fruit and vegetables, and have on hand about \$1,300 worth of stock and produce.

Recommendations.

It would probably require the entire income of the Council to meet all the demands we have for the protection of homeless Southern girls too old for the orphanages. Had I accepted all of the needy applicants during the past year, I would now have four hundred instead of one hundred girls, and there would be still as many more applicants next year.

The work seems important and vital, as preventive work strikes more directly at the root of the social evil than any other missionary effort. However, neither Vashti nor Vashti enlarged can ever supply the demand. Vashti as an experiment may awaken the Church or State to a duty that is now being "done at" chiefly by the Roman Catholics.

Not long hence there will be needed extensive additions and improvements for proper normal developments. At present, although pressure for scholarships is almost irresistible, the greater need is

for better organization and better industrial facilities that better training may be given at less expense and at less strain on the worker.

To illustrate: Our office work is poorly done. To do it properly would require the services of a capable woman. In a few months of skillful correspondence sufficient sympathy and interest would be awakened to supply funds for her support. Likewise, we need an expert poultry and dairy man and suitable equipment to care properly for fowls and cows. The initial capital is, I think, all we would need, as the business under proper management would more than support itself. With the present appropriation and the present number of girls the principal has to do too many things to do any of them well, so he lives continually like the old woman in the shoe.

PAINE ANNEX, PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miss Ellen Young in Charge.

Inaugurated 1903.

The past year was a most trying one to us. The illness and death of dear Dr. George Williams Walker was a great shock to us. Dr. Walker was a man whom we all loved, respected, and looked to for help and strength. Everything seemed dark after he went, but God in his gracious kindness sent us Dr. J. D. Hammond to take up and carry on the work Dr. Walker laid down. We feel that a better man could not have been given us to do this work.

We started out with a larger enrollment in the school than ever before. There are thirty-two girls in the Annex. There are three girls in a bed in three rooms. A number had to be turned away for lack of room. The girls do the housework, care for the teachers' rooms, cook and serve the meals, wash dishes, and do their laundry work.

There are one hundred and fifteen girls in the plain sewing department, who are taught the foundation work—patching, darning, making of small, plain garments, shirt waists, pillow cases and simple pieces of embroidery.

The dressmaking department has sixty-seven girls. Miss Hawkins, the teacher, is a graduate of Mechanics Institute, Rochester, N. Y. She is doing splendid work, and the prospects are that we are going to have a well-developed department. Our former teacher, Miss Mundy, worked hard to bring about good results. We miss her very much. Last year she had to give up work because of ill health, but we feel very thankful that her health is improving.

Miss Walker has sixty-seven girls in cooking. They are doing good work and are fast learning what it means to be a good cook, keep a nice, well-kept, tidy house, to be neat, tidy in dress, quiet and refined in manner. Each of these classes has two hours a week in its respective department.

The department of agriculture is growing. All of the normal classes must take this course. The senior class last year had gardening. A prize was offered for the best-kept plot. We hope to encourage the students to become better acquainted with and like nature. Paine College purchased a number of acres of land last summer. This land will be used to enlarge and extend the work.

When school opened in the fall, we owed \$200. We have paid all but \$25 and have paid all bills for this year up to January 1. We have \$200 owing us for board for last term, which sum we have no hope of getting.

We have made a rule that all board must be paid in advance. The

rule is working very well, indeed, and we feel now that we will be able to get money for board without much trouble.

We are working hard to realize our aims and ideals and to send out good material to work among the less fortunate of our people. We are most hopeful of good results. I pray that the Master will bless the work you are doing for the betterment of all people.

REPORT OF EXTENSION SECRETARY FOR NEGRO WORK.—MISS MARY DE BARDELEBEN.

Report of My Work in Behalf of Negroes, November-March, 1911-12.

The work being new and somewhat untried, I have had to find my way to a large extent. Feeling that an avenue of approach to the negro is through his Church life, I have laid a great deal of stress on Sunday school work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE COLLEGE.

One Sunday in the college Sunday school I have the seniors in a class in the International Lessons. Once a week I meet the teachers of the school in a teacher-training class. Under our direction they are making a study of the Church life in Augusta. A normal course in Sunday school methods has been made a feature of the curriculum. The seniors are compelled to take this. They meet twice a week, studying, first, child nature, later, story-telling, and, finally, applied pedagogy in the Sunday school and Sunday school organization. Twenty-three bright, interested, young people make this class a joy.

Mr. Stuart, of the General Board, and I have been making some careful investigations in what we find to be the most needy negro district. Our work has been interfered with by the bad weather, but we have visited about one hundred families as sanitary inspectors under the Board of Health.

On Friday afternoon the children's story hour claims me from three to four. Two interested, intelligent young colored women and one of the students as pianist aid me in this. I am using the regular graded primary Sunday school course, and we are expecting that these young women will project the work into the city Sunday schools later.

A Civic Improvement League with nearly one hundred members has been organized among the better class. Their work at present is to put a district nurse in the field. Later they hope to establish kindergartens and supervised playgrounds.

Talks on the work have been made to seven of our auxiliaries in Augusta, Ga., Johnston, S. C., Birmingham, Ala., and Montgomery, Ala. Everywhere we have found the women sympathetic and glad to serve where they can. From one of these meetings two women volunteered to teach in negro Sunday schools.

Four colleges have been visited, and in each a contribution was made toward the workers' cottage, which we hope to have by next fall.

Just now Mrs. Hammond and I are working on a program for a free course of lectures to nurses of children. Nurses, doctors, and kindergartens are responding to make this lecture course on the physical, mental, and spiritual life of the child a success, preparing the colored girls and women who have the little ones in charge better to meet their responsibility.

We are planning and hoping to begin in the fall our training department for deaconesses and missionaries, so quite a good deal of correspondence has been necessary to get in touch with prospective students.

Some of the schools and Churches have been visited and several talks made to groups of negroes interested in the uplift of their race.

I wish to thank the Council for the privilege of entering a work like this, and assure you that it has been a joy.

THE VIRGINIA K. JOHNSON HOME FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS, DALLAS. TEX.
—MRS. O. M. ABBOTT, PRINCIPAL.

During the fiscal year we have had given us a new "local habitation and a name." Formerly known as the "Anna Browder Cunningham Mission Home," etc., located in an ugly, dangerous old wooden building in South Dallas, Tex., we are now the "Virginia K. Johnson Home" in an imposing three-story brick home in Oak Cliff, a suburb in West Dallas. We have a beautiful site and plenty of crystal clear artesian water. Only those who have endured the mud baths of the city proper know what a luxury a clear bath in a real tub is to us in this breezy suburb. Our new home is attractively and substantially furnished throughout.

One steps from the front porch into a spacious hallway with double parlors on the left, built and furnished not for enjoyment, but with the hope of attracting to us the city mission circles, sociological clubs, and others in order to break up the isolation of our workers. On the right hand is the Teachers' Library, a beautiful, sunny room furnished in mission style. The right and left wings leading off this main hall by corridors are bedrooms. Every girl has a separate room furnished with a three-quarter bed, a beautiful golden oak bureau, cabinet, and chair, and one bedside rug. All floors are to be stained and waxed. The girls' rooms are as attractive as many boarding schools that charge high prices for the same. Each wing has bath and lavatories easily accessible to the bedrooms. The stairway at the back of the wide hall leads, going up, to the hospital, nursery, baby baths, and mothers' bedrooms. The south wing is fitted up for a sick ward with the regulation high, white hospital beds, etc.

The ground floor below is given over to the schoolroom, chapel, sewing rooms, kitchen, and a most spacious, light, and airy dining room furnished in elegant "early English" tables, buffets, serving tables, and chairs. This was the generous gift of the Central Texas Conference. The brick building in the back yard is for the laundry and heating apparatus. We have a splendid engine that has kept us so comfortable this hard winter that we have been surprised when outsiders said it was cold. Our laundry is fitted with slate tubs and steam coils in every other tub so that one only has to turn a faucet to boil clothes.

Our grounds are all graded, sodded, trees are planted, cement walks were laid in front and back, and a new wire fence built around our entire eighteen acres. We anticipate much pleasure from our grounds. Visitors from the East have told us that we have the best-kept place in town.

We have had on roll this year sixty-four girls. Thirty-two have gone out. We have had twenty-three babies born and five others brought to us who were born before their mothers came here. We have had no deaths and no serious illness. There are now thirteen babies in the nursery, the others having all been adopted except two which were carried away in their mothers' arms just as they were brought here. There is a psychological puzzle for us, and that is that girls who have committed this same sin but do not become mothers never seem to get any real good out of their two years with us.

Our sewing department has made 539 garments for customers, besides much embroidery, and 1,936 garments for the home. Sewing is our only source of revenue. That is not much, for only the most unreasonable expect finished work at the hands of these raw, untaught girls. Our laundry department cannot handle any outside work, because our hospital features make our own work too heavy. Our girls learn to do beautiful work, however.

From June to October we took in no new girls, first, because we were getting ready to move, and then after we did get into the house, it was so long full of carpenters putting on the last touches that it was impossible to add new girls to our problem. We let our girls go out as fast as their two years expire, and during the last four months our old girls have gone out so rapidly that nearly all our girls now are new. We have many applicants who go away sorrowful because they do not want to subscribe to our rules. Usually it is the two-year clause, the applicant is a habitual offender, or she is older than our prescribed twenty-two years.

Most of our girls are young, and are often more sinned against than sinning. At present we have not a vicious girl in the home—only poor, pitiful little mothers, many termed infants, yet in the eyes of the law condemned to be social pariahs the rest of their lives. Do you wonder the workers lose their nerves and break their hearts over the apparent hopelessness of it? The greater percentage of them have had meager educational advantages, and are so young that they have had no time to learn much. Added to that the trial through which they pass makes them unsettled in their minds and unable to concentrate their thoughts. We find it best to keep their hands busy much of the time. They are taught cooking, sewing, laundry, and the grammar school branches. So few of them are ready for the higher school work that we rarely have a call for it. People often ask us why we do not have other industrial features. The chief reason is because the days are not long enough to do more than we do. People lose sight of the fact that motherhood takes time and strength.

We do not claim to do the impossible, though we sometimes see God do it. He has turned some hopeless cases into splendid, upright young women. Is it not wonderful to have a share in such a miracle? Many of our girls show a vast improvement and get far more than many college girls do out of their four years. We are not unmindful that at the end of their two years some of them are yet weak and unreliable—sometimes they are so from inherited tendencies, sometimes because they would have to be made of iron to stand the loneliness of the unfriendly world into which they venture forth so timidly after their two years of exile from the current of it. But many of them do learn to believe in themselves again. It is no hard thing to believe in one who has faith in herself, but it does indeed take the eye of faith to believe in one who has lost belief in herself—and that is what we must do here.

However, we feel that if our work with the girls be an utter failure, the saving of the babies is worth all this work costs. These little waifs are given excellent homes, a name, and a fair and square deal in life. It is a heart-breaking thing to take them from the little mothers, but it seems the only way to give the little one an even chance. It is marvelous the class of homes God opens for these innocent little ones.

Report of Financial Agent.—Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

In December, 1903, after consulting with Miss Bennett, we announced in the *King's Messenger* the organization of a stock company to raise \$50,000 to erect buildings to meet the needs of the Ann Browder Home and School.

For eight years we have published a list of the paid-up shares. Now in January, 1912, these paid-up shares amount to \$20,717.95. To this must be added \$3,500 made on the sale of forty acres of land bought and sold to reinvest in the eighteen acres, better located, which we now occupy; the seven acres of the old home, valued, at the lowest estimate, at \$25,000; and our week of prayer offering of \$15,000 given by the entire Church, making a grand total of \$64,217.95. The furnishing and equipping have cost over \$6,000. On this we have paid \$5,177, and expect soon to cancel the entire amount. These seem small results to represent eight—yes, eighteen—years of constant, prayerful labor, but many other duties have been met. Some cash contributions have been applied to current expenses. Many valuable donations have been received, such as car loads of coal each year, half-rates granted by the railroad on food supplies from Dallas and our auxiliaries, etc. For all details see report of Mrs. O. M. Abbott, Principal.

THE PACIFIC COAST WORK.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM ACTON, SUPERINTENDENTS.

The year 1911 has been more of a seed time among the Orientals on the Pacific coast of America than a harvest. Still we are able to report very satisfactory results, and the outlook is far more encouraging than it was a year ago.

Our Korean Missions.

The Korean population of this coast is increasing, although no exact statistics are obtainable. In Los Angeles a larger number are centering than in any other city in North America. The Presbyterians are looking after them there and are bringing a worker from Korea to do the work of a traveling evangelist among them.

Our work centers about San Francisco, Sacramento, and Stockton. Within the past few months about three hundred Koreans have settled in about equal numbers in the vicinity of Stockton and Sacramento, because in each place the Korean National Association has secured considerable farming land. Realizing the situation, the Korean Epworth League of San Francisco requested two able young men of the mission—S. Y. Whang, who was formerly associated with Rev. J. S. Ryang at Sacramento, and Y. S. Kang—to visit these cities and hold religious services among their countrymen. They raised some money to help defray their traveling expenses. We called a meeting of the Quarterly Conference, and after examination and the explanation of their duties and responsibilities, these two men were licensed to exhort and bidden Godspeed on their mission. Rev. David Lee, the pastor, will pay an occasional visit to these two points.

There are isolated groups of Koreans in other places who should be visited by a traveling evangelist. About two-thirds of those who have arrived are Christians; but, like other human beings, they need the conserving power of Christian workers.

The publication of our magazine, the *Korean Evangel*, was resumed in July and seems to be very popular. Owing to the demand, the edition was increased in December from 1,000 to 1,200 copies. It gives us a prestige that cannot be overestimated, for it reaches the majority of the Koreans in our country, and circulates in the Hawaiian Islands, Mexico, Korea, and Russia.

Our Japanese Missions.

The Oakland Mission has more than held its own in spite of the removal of several active and influential members. These all retain their membership, keep in touch with the work, and visit here whenever opportunity affords.

Last July, for the first time in the history of this mission, a Sunday school was organized. Six were enrolled at the first session, and this number has increased to sixteen. Among them are some of the brightest and most lovable children to be found anywhere. All are from non-Christian homes. There is a considerable field for this work in the vicinity of our mission, as it is the only one in the Oriental quarter of the city. When our regular pastor can secure his passport and take his appointment, this school will doubtless increase materially. We need Sunday school workers at this point, and are searching for and praying for them.

Four of the young men of this mission are freshmen in the State University at Berkeley, another is a sophomore, another is a junior at Stanford, and still another expects to graduate from the Oakland High School next May and to enter the university in the following August. To conserve the influence of these men is an object worthy of the greatest effort. All promise to become centers of influence for the gospel of our Lord among their countrymen for all the future, even more so than at present, as they are all working their way through the universities, paying their own expenses by some form of house work, and contributing to the expenses of the mission from their meager earnings. These men have their life work planned, have set their ideals high, and are bending all their energies to attain them.

Our Alameda Mission has been blessed by receiving from the children of Southern Methodism a greatly needed two-story building. The upper story contains as neat and attractive a chapel as can be found anywhere. October 15 was indeed a red letter day in the history of the mission, when Bishop R. G. Waterhouse dedicated the first Oriental chapel ever erected by our denomination in the Western Hemisphere.

The lower story contains two schoolrooms equipped with modern desks and blackboards and up to date in every particular. A convenient hat and cloak room is also attached. Mr. M. Oba and Mrs. E. G. Smith continue in charge of the primary school. Mrs. Miki, recently from Japan, and a graduate from one of our schools there, is in charge of the kindergarten, and is very efficient. Mrs. E. V. Standifer has entered upon the eighth year as teacher of the night school, and Mr. T. Miki, after several years' absence, has returned as interpreter. The schools are all doing well.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of sixty-eight. This includes every Japanese child in Alameda large enough to attend. Only four of these come from Christian homes. There are seven capable and consecrated Japanese workers connected with this school. The average attendance is fifty.

The attendance at the chapel services is excellent. Seven adults have been baptized during 1911. Three of these were women. One man came from the night school.

Our Needs.

We ought to own property in San Francisco and Oakland. All the other denominations of any standing do. Paying rent is expensive, and is a loss. We have paid sufficient in this way almost to equip us. The sum paid in rent had better be paid as interest and installments on the principal.

We need at least one Korean field worker to be at the disposal of the superintendents.

If we had \$400 to invest in Korean type and material for the *Evangel*, we would be able to make the type, etc., pay for itself in two years and be independent of the Korean printers.

Provision should be made for the equipment of a kindergarten in Oakland and for the payment of a teacher to conserve the religious interests of numerous children and to interest parents and bind them to our work. There have been thirty mothers in attendance at Mrs. Acton's Bible study class in Alameda during the year, and these were mostly won through the interest manifested in their children. We need this work even more in Oakland than in Alameda. It means much for over twenty non-Christian mothers to hear God's Word expounded and to hold a copy of it in their hands during such a service.

There are 56,760 Japanese in California. Four thousand six hundred and sixty-three of these are gathered into 14 Buddhist missions, ministered unto by 14 priests; 2,514 are members of 48 Protestant missions, ministered to by 42 preachers; 54,246 are unconverted, and a large portion of them have never heard the Word. At least two field workers should be provided to evangelize among 8,000 that are in places where we have assumed the responsibility of preaching. In some of these places we have the only organized Church service.

FLORIDA COAST WORK.

RUTH HARGROVE INSTITUTE, KEY WEST, FLA.—PROF. A. W. MOHN,
PRINCIPAL.

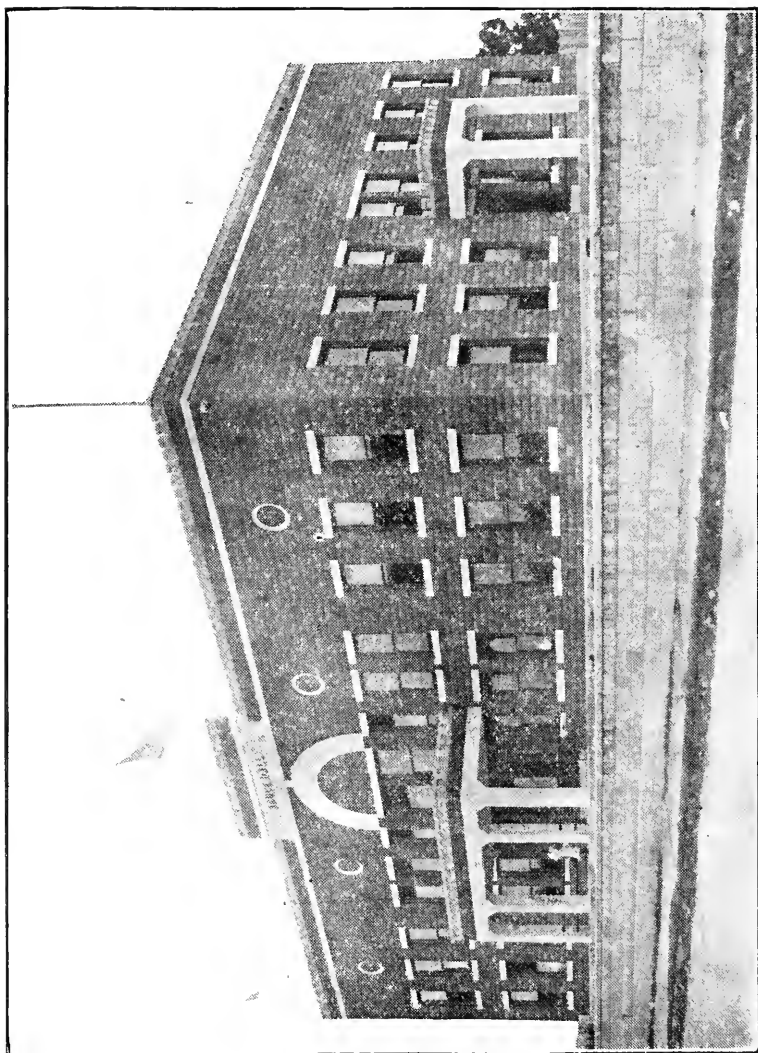
Established 1900.

I have the honor to submit the following report covering the period from March 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912. The report naturally falls into two divisions, the history of the year and the outlook.

History of the Year.

The faculty numbered 18—the Principal and 17 associates—divided by departments as follows: Academic, 3; Intermediate, 2; Primary, 4; Kindergarten, 2; Music, 3; Commercial, 2; and House, 1. Of the above number, two taught on commission. All members of the faculty have done faithful and efficient work; and in addition to the regular classroom work, many friendly calls have been made to present and prospective students and to the poor and needy.

At the opening of the present school year a year was added to the course of study. We now offer work beyond that required of a "Class A" academy, giving twenty-two units of work, and have the most advanced and highest-graded school in South Florida. Along with the additional



BRUCE HALL, RUTH HARGROVE INSTITUTE, KEY WEST, FLA.

work, standards have been raised and all courses broadened and strengthened. Several departments deserve special mention.

The Kindergarten Department grew so rapidly that at the opening of this school year we had to divide the students into two groups, one group in session in the morning and one in the afternoon. An additional teacher was employed. The enrollment is now forty-six.

A Business Department was added this school year in connection with the regular work. Day and night sessions are held. Full courses in bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting, etc., are given. Forty students are enrolled in the night school. All of them are workers in the cigar factories, stores, etc. Nine are enrolled in the day classes. This department reaches a good many young men and women and opens up a new life to them. It has been a financial success since its inception.

The Music Department also deserves mention. The enrollment is very large, and the work is of a very high order. For the first time in the department's history it is recognized as the leading musical center of the community. In addition to the regular work, a Choral Union has been formed. It has a membership of over one hundred. Our director of music is the leader. It is planned to give a number of the choruses from "The Messiah" in the early spring.

All the other departments have increased enrollments. The first six grades are so full that we have had to refuse to enroll more students. A number have been turned away.

The special work enterprised by the school, such as the Cuban Sunday school, which meets every Sunday afternoon, the Institute Mothers' Club, the Alumni Association, etc., are all in a healthy, prosperous condition and are doing excellent work along their several lines.

Outlook.

To-day (January 22), just after I had written the above, the first train that ever entered Key West, the "Flagler Special," arrived. What this means to the city we cannot fully determine, but it is no longer an isolated city. Key West is now "on the map," and it is freely predicted by those who are most able to judge that the population will be doubled in the next five years. Within the present month several new factories have come here. This means more families, mostly Cubans, who must be provided for. With the opening of this railroad and the resulting increase in population on account of the increase in business, many more will need to be provided for.

Are we ready for them? We are now crowded to the doors in all the lower grades, to which seven-eighths of the children come. Evidently something must be done. In my judgment we will need greatly increased facilities to take care of the hundreds knocking at our doors. To meet these pressing needs I most earnestly make the following recommendations:

1. That an addition be at once built to the present administration building that will provide for not less than two hundred students. This can be done for approximately \$7,500.

2. That the old administration building be converted at the earliest possible moment into a girls' dormitory. This will cost about \$3,000.

3. That a boys' dormitory be constructed that will accommodate not less than fifty students. This can be done for \$10,000.

4. That additional land be purchased not only that we may build further, but in order that our older students can have a playground. We have a considerable number of boys from fifteen to twenty years of age who have no playground.

There should be a baseball ground, tennis court, running track, etc., for them. This land should be purchased before the "boom" is on and prices become prohibitive.

Key West is now called the "American Gibraltar" on account of its strategic position from a military standpoint. Why shall not the Woman's Council make it the "American Gibraltar" for God and righteousness? This can be done; it must be done. Let us measure up to our duty and do it.

WOLFF MISSION (FOR CUBANS), YBOR CITY, FLA.—MISS LOTIE ADAMS,
PRINCIPAL.

Established 1892.

The year ending December 31 closed one of the most successful in the history of Wolff Mission. During this time the teachers had the privilege of instructing 228 individuals—197 in the day school, 19 in the Department of Music, and 12 in the night classes.

The workers now number five—Lotie M. Adams, Rose Baker, and Janita Hettenhauser, in the Literary Department; Martha Elizabeth Cox, deaconess and teacher of music; and Winifred S. Wilcox, matron.

There are four departments of work well carried on—the literary (which is well graded to the eighth grade), music, practical housekeeping, and sewing and basketry.

Miss Baker is teacher of the first primary grade and Spanish, which has been a required study for two years; for we believe that every one should be able to read the Bible in his native tongue.

Miss Hettenhauser has intermediate grades and sewing. The sewing class is now called the Minnie Mae Club of Jenny Wren Dressmakers of America, the *Delineator's* organization for young dressmakers. The club has thirty-eight members, the largest membership yet reported at headquarters. The girls have games one afternoon and sewing on two afternoons of each week. They are delighted with their affiliation with the national organization. The course required this year is clothing for a girl five years old, all fashioned for the club doll, Minnie Mae. Last year the doll was dressed as a baby, having both long and short clothes. Learning through play is delightful.

Miss Wilcox assists Miss Hettenhauser, and has charge of the class in practical housekeeping. As we have no domestic science room, this work is done in the regular kitchen, and is consequently limited in scope.

Miss Cox, the deaconess, is the right woman for the place. She has charge of the music, though her energies are not confined to this alone, for she has classes in physical culture and basketry for children, besides a boys' club and a club for young ladies which meets weekly. Miss Cox is learning Spanish rapidly, and she and Miss Baker, who speaks that language so naturally, visit regularly. They made two hundred and twenty-five visits last quarter.

Religious instruction given daily in the chapel consists of Bible stories, drill on memorized passages, International Sunday School Lessons, and normal lessons for children, with songs and prayer. Rev. J. D. Lewis and Rev. D. Carrera, the assistant pastor, conduct services twice during the week.

The Junior League is conducted by Misses Baker and Cox, and meets at 2 P.M. every Wednesday. There are seventy-two members, with an average attendance of forty-five for thirteen meetings. Their contribution to the Cuba Special was \$3.35.

Thirty-three and one-third per cent attend Sunday school regularly.

Much interest has been manifested in the W. C. T. U. medal contest in Spanish, participated in by pupils of the various mission schools of West Tampa and Ybor City. In both contests the medals came to Wolff Mission children.

For success in mission work one must have faith, hope, love, and, added to these as an overflow of soul, the all-conquering desire "to be spent for others."

In addition to the above-mentioned gifts there must be equipment too. These are some of the things needed at Wolff Mission to make more effective the labor expended: Guest room furniture, machine and sewing room furniture, domestic science kitchen, and schoolroom furniture.

Miss Elizabeth Cox, deaconess at Wolff Mission, writes:

"These four months in Wolff Mission have been very happy ones. My work has not been what it might have been had I known the language of the people, but with the splendid instruction Mrs. Alexander is giving me I am beginning to understand some. I realize more and more that to do the work in these foreign districts one must have a speaking knowledge of the language.

"Our embroidery club, consisting of the girls from about twelve to eighteen years, is, I believe, the most encouraging because it reaches a class of girls who very seldom attend church, and some of them have never been. We first tried to have the meetings in the music room at the school building, but found that the girls could not come because Spanish girls cannot go out without a chaperon and the mothers could not always bring them. We had almost despaired when we decided to try meeting in the home of one of the girls, which was several blocks from the school and in a district where there were a number living so near that they could come by themselves. This has proved very successful. Miss Baker, the Spanish teacher in the school, and I gather up those near us and take them. The Cuban girls do beautiful crochet, and are showing quite as much talent for French embroidery.

"The boys' club has been meeting once a week in the evening to play games of all kinds and sing, but since the holidays the time of meeting has been changed to the afternoon. Mr. Lewis, the pastor of the Cuban Church, usually meets with them.

"I have two physical culture classes, the younger girls on Tuesday and the older ones on Thursday. These are all school children. They enjoy the exercises very much, and we feel that it is just the thing they need most to develop their frail bodies.

"Our class in basketry meets every Friday afternoon. This has been organized since Christmas.

"The Junior League meets every Wednesday afternoon. Miss Baker is Superintendent, and I assist her. We have a membership of seventy-five, with an average attendance of forty-five.

"I have chorus singing one-half hour four days in the week for the second, third, and fourth grades.

"Two afternoons in the week are spent in visiting. Miss Baker and I visit together.

"The music class this year is very much smaller than last year, because, with my other work, I felt that it would not be best to take any pupils beside the school children.

"The problems that come to us daily are many and difficult. Pray for us that we may do our part faithfully and be willing to leave the results with the Lord."

WEST TAMPA SCHOOL.—MISS EMELINA VALDES, PRINCIPAL.

Established 1892.

We have had a great deal of sickness this year, yet we have been greatly blessed in our work. We have enrolled 102 children, who have attended well and are advancing well in their studies. Our work is primary, and a good beginning for an education is made for our little people.

We have two departments—primary class work and sewing classes. Mrs. Ozguera, our assistant Cuban teacher, continues to help us most efficiently.

Our missionary societies continue to be a feature of our work. The Baby Division has forty members, and the Junior Division has sixty-one. We have sent \$37.70 to the Conference Treasurer from the children's department and \$42.95 from our adult society.

We greatly need to repaint our schoolroom and repair the outbuildings. It is now eight years since such repairs were made on this property.

The opening of the Wesley House in West Tampa has done much toward building up the entire work. We have clubs, mothers' meetings, and young people's gatherings there, and it is so conveniently near as to make our work one.

GULF COAST WORK.

GALVESTON, TEX.

Rev. A. E. Rector, Superintendent Immigrant Home.

The reader is invited to visit the Galveston Immigrant Home, a missionary benevolent institution, founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, nearly four years ago. We enter the snug little office on the ground floor of the big, rented, three-story brick building in the central part of the city. Against the wall we see a sort of cabinet with glass doors in front. In a wire netting are ranged a large number of letters with all sorts of unpronounceable names. These we keep for the seamen, as our Home has a department for that homeless and almost friendless class of men. The letters are forwarded or held, according to the wish of the roving recipients. This is a great service rendered, which the sailor boy knows how to appreciate.

We open the back door into the luggage room. There is always something here, and often the place is piled high with the baggage of the immigrants. Fastidious noses had better not apply, for the aroma of the steerage is unmistakable. Just off to the right is our seamen's chapel. It is large enough to accommodate the seamen and immigrants at worship, is fitted up with pulpit, altar rail, and organ, is hung with flags, and is well adapted to its purpose.

Returning to the street through the office, we enter the next door and find ourselves in the seamen's reading room. Here they sit around the stove in winter and under the electric fan in summer, read, play games, and smoke. Alas! they practically all smoke, and smoke cigarettes. Here the shipmasters find them when they need them, and many of them we are able to assist to employment on both sea and land.

The next door down the sidewalk brings us into the living rooms of the Immigrant Home. Upstairs and to the right we enter the rest room. On ship days and for several days thereafter this room will be swarming with strange faces, odd costumes, and a babel of mixed tongues. It is now twelve days since the last ship came; so we find only

about a dozen, mostly women and children. These are all "detained cases." There were legal obstacles in the way of their landing, so the government had them removed from the ship and sent to us for safe keeping. There were about twenty-five of them at first; but they have gradually been released, and all of these will perhaps be allowed to land, though of nearly every ship load there are a few women, as well as men, sent back. Sometimes it is disease, sometimes it is immorality, and sometimes it is lack of responsible relatives to receive them.

Nearly every ship brings us more than one prospective bride. Some of this love history is romantic, but some of it would make remarkable literature. The bridegroom-to-be doesn't know the requirements of the United States government, and placidly awaits in Colorado or California the "girl he left behind him" and who will have to cross one ocean and two continents to find him. The sequel is generally satisfactory, but before they are through with the preliminaries neither can ever forget that the course of true love doesn't always run smooth.

Look at that sad-faced Russian mother with her children, waiting and wondering why the government does not let them go straight on to the husband and father who has toiled two years in Los Angeles for the money that brought them over. Look at the little four-year-old girl with her skirts nearly touching the floor. Her mother and little brother were sent to the hospital, and she was heartbroken when she was sent alone to us; but now she is happy and patient. A side door lets us into the woman's dormitory, and here we find cheerful quarters and cheerful faces, though there are some tearful ones too. We have plenty of Bibles and Testaments and tracts in many languages, for it takes the Word of God and many a human word as well to make this institution for immigrants what it purports to be—a Home.

Now we pass the living rooms of Brother Reifschneider, our very efficient business manager, and his interesting family. We find the kitchen and dining room clean and inviting, thanks to the two excellent German girls who attend to that department. We wish we could wait and watch the immigrants eat, for the table manners of some of them are almost worth a trip to Galveston to see.

Up another flight of steps and here are seventy-four men. They have been there a month and may be there a month longer, though they may be released any day. They are held under the law against contract labor. If one of them escapes, the ship company which brought them over, and which has to pay for their board, will have to pay the government \$1,000. This explains the presence of those two watchmen. Still, we are doing what we can to make them feel that they are not in jail but in a home, a Christian home.

Now we will just peep into the seamen's dormitory and then into the two strong rooms for men and women respectively, where we keep the United States undesirables, who are brought from various sections pending release or deportation. This phase of our work has some very interesting history connected with it.

But what is this letter which we find in the office when we come down? It is from Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, the treasurer at Nashville, and contains a check for \$103.95 from the Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference—a donation to the Immigrant Home for furnishing and making our rest room more comfortable.

During the fiscal year 1911 some 5,876 immigrants landed at Galveston, and we cared for 2,838, two-thirds of whom were women and children. They represented ten different nationalities. We cared for 9,610 seamen, to whom we not only gave the rest and recreation of our Sea-

men's Rest, but had six social gatherings for them and sixty-four religious services, which 1,600 attended.

Our support in this work was derived as follows: From the General Boards, \$5,352.48; from the Texas Conferences, \$1,350; gifts, \$190.43; Board of Immigrants, \$4,091.38.

GULFPORT, MISS.

Rev. W. T. Griffin, Superintendent.

Basing our estimate on numbers, this has been the best year of work at the Sailors' Rest, as we have had over 10,800 visits to our reading rooms, 2,025 attendants at gospel services, and 2,400 at concerts. Six hundred and seventeen visits have been made to ships in port. There have been 305 vessels and 5,300 sailors at our port. Eleven thousand tracts, booklets, Testaments, and portions, with 3,500 magazines and numberless papers, have been distributed. Free beds were furnished to 465 stranded sailors, and 62 needy ones were helped. Numbers have been sent to the hospitals in New Orleans, and the King's Daughters have cared for hundreds at this place. Employment was secured for 80. The number that have professed saving faith cannot be given, but at some services as many as twenty would claim the blessing; and the expressions of gratitude, personally and by letter, show how much the work is appreciated not only by the men in need, but by captains and officers. The latter often come to services in numbers, and all are appreciative hearers.

The reading room is well supplied with papers and magazines, and a good library furnishes books in different languages. Most seafaring men are habitual readers. Many of the ships have libraries loaned from large ports. The American Bible and Tract Society and the Scandinavian Societies of Norway furnish books and tracts in foreign languages.

Many of these men are members of some Church, and they feel that this is their church, as the missions are found in nearly all the ports of the world. They are a people who do not mix socially or religiously with shore people while on short stays, but find their way to their mission. Quite a number of them remain in the States and become good citizens. Most of them are hard workers. Their pay on shipboard is very meager, and they are subjects of graft for shore people. Often, having foreign money and not knowing prices, they are easily cheated. Then the "blind tiger" makes for them as soon as they are ashore. The hope of these men is their young men, as many of them are very young.

The greatest hindrance we face in our work is a suitable building where the institutional department may be made more perfect. The work is more interesting and the responsibility seems greater the better we know this class of people, and the need of prayer for our work is felt deeply.

BLOXI, MISS., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Myrtie Mae Long, Deaconess; Miss Roberta Stubbs, Kindergarten Teacher.

Of course we have the very deepest interest possible in all of the work that is being carried on in all of the Wesley Houses, and yet we have frankly to admit that we think our own little Wesley House the dearest spot on earth. We are located just midway between two large oyster and shrimp factories, and our work is with Americans, Austrians, Bohemians, Poles, and Italians.

We are gratified to note during the past year a marked enthusiasm

and steady growth in every feature of work that we have organized. We have a Sunday school, story hour on Sunday afternoon, an evening service, a night school three nights in each week, clubs for boys and girls, young people's club, Woman's Circle, and kindergarten daily.

Our Sunday school has grown from 25 to 125. The average attendance is good.

Our place of meeting for the story hour Sunday afternoon is on the beach, principally with the little children whom we have not yet secured for our Sunday school.

The evening service is always very impressive. We who labor can testify to the fact that the seeds which have been sown are already springing up, and the life is reaching heavenward for more of the warmth and moisture and sunlight of his love.

Our night school is large. We have enrolled seventy-five, and until a few weeks ago we had an attendance of sixty each night. Recently factory work has not given sufficient employment for all of our people, so a number have gone away to seek work elsewhere. Notwithstanding, we have good attendance and fine interest.

We have enrolled sixty little girls in sewing school this year. They are doing splendid work, and it is a pleasure to meet with them every Tuesday afternoon.

We have just begun our club work for boys and girls. However, the way looks bright for us, and we do not doubt in the least that work along this line will be successful.

The members of our young people's club help us in many ways. One kindness they did us recently was to have electric lights put in the new schoolroom which we added to our house a few weeks ago.

The members of our Woman's Circle are so helpful, too. They are paying for our new piano. The payments are being made seemingly without any trouble to any one.

Many and rich are the blessings that we receive in our efforts to serve. Biloxi is indeed an "open and effectual door," and we are earnestly asking our Master to use us here for his glory and for the establishing of his kingdom.

Miss Stubbs says of her work:

"We opened the kindergarten on Monday, October 4, with no material whatever to work with. In a short while two tables were given us, and the Sunday school purchased the little chairs which are used for both Sunday school and kindergarten. Gradually the way has been opened, and at present we have enough material to carry on the work very nicely. Seven little ones were present the first day, and since then they have come to us one by one until at present there are thirty-six on the roll. However, not more than twenty-six have been present at one time. They seem to enjoy coming, and it is a real joy to be among them trying to help them.

"That 'a little child shall lead them' is proved in the case of one of our little girls, who will never allow a meal to be eaten at home before she sings the little 'Thank You' that we sing before eating lunch in the kindergarten. If only one little child can affect such a home and lead her family, then our work cannot be in vain."

NEW ORLEANS, LA., ST. MARK'S HALL.

Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Kathron Wilson, Miss Lottie Keithly, Miss Annie Ragland, Mr. L. Pagani.

The predominant characteristic of the work of the year at St. Mark's Hall seems to be coöperation. We have been working together

in all the varied activities, and there has been developing a delightful community interest that gives promise of the better times in store for us all, when our understanding of each other shall have been perfected and through the indwelling presence of the Christ we shall come to realize our places in the social scheme and our relationship to each other as children of the great Father in heaven.

We rejoice that our people look upon St. Mark's Hall as *theirs*, a place pervaded by the homelike atmosphere. This, we believe, is true because of the presence of the Friend of friends in our midst, helping and teaching.

During the year we have coöperated with almost every organization that is engaged in the works of righteousness, justice, mercy, and social uplift.

In our organized activities there has been an increase in both attendance and interest, and we anticipate yet larger development and wider usefulness.

Our industrial work has been extended to include a sewing school at Mary Werlein Mission and a cooking school at First Church. These are supported by the young ladies' classes of two of the uptown Churches. We have an interesting class in chair-caning for the boys; also Boy Scout work, including drill, playground, and game room recreation.

The free kindergarten, supported by the New Orleans Free Kindergarten Association, is ministering in manifold ways to the little folk, and through them is broadening and brightening the lives of their fathers and mothers, many of whom are "strangers in a strange land."

The Pleasant Sunday Evening, with its informal evangelistic service of song and prayer and story in English and Italian, affords fellowship and teaching through self-expression, and is a means of self-discovery to a goodly number whose lives are very narrow. It is also of value as a stepping-stone to connection with the Church in our community.

We count ourselves privileged to be in touch with the heroism that pulsates in the lives of the strugglers of humanity. To me it seems a truly heroic soul that can endure the monotony of factory work all the days of the week, attend night school, and on Saturday take the off hours to learn how to sew. Some of our girls do this and think it nothing extraordinary.

One mother, who works as a scrubwoman at night and does odd jobs during the day to keep her little family clothed and fed, regrets that her fourteen-year-old daughter must work too. She says: 'I'd just be glad if I could only make enough, so that Josephine could go to school; and I'd just like for her to go to St. Mark's Hall and learn everything that 'youse' could teach her. I sure would.' I cannot believe that it is right that any should be so hard pressed.

Miss Roberta Baker, in charge of the Domestic Science Department, writes: "God has greatly blessed us in the work of the past year. We are steadily winning the love and confidence of our people, and that means much in a field like ours. We now have four classes in cooking. Two classes have organized into clubs, and are doing good work. The older girls serve afternoon tea to the women of the City Mission Board at the monthly meetings. The girls look very attractive on these occasions in their white dresses and little caps. It is always interesting to hear them tell of their efforts at cooking. One of them told me that she had made a cake for a bazar, and her friend remarked: 'Marie said she believed the Lord helped her because she was making it for the Church.' Another seemed quite concerned about her future and said she hardly knew whether to marry or to have a career.

I still teach a class in sewing, and for the past three months have had work in Sunday school. These duties, with my district visiting, are enough to keep my days full. It is said—and truthfully, I think—that we can have the highest happiness only by having wide thoughts and much feeling for the rest of the world, as well as for ourselves; and this sort of happiness often brings so much pain with it that we can tell it from pain only by its being what we would choose above everything else because our souls see that it is good."

Miss Kathron Wilson, our district nurse, writes: "I came to New Orleans in October and began my work as district nurse. We have a clinic for women and children. This is the only clinic in this part of the city. For several months there was no nurse here, and the work has not been developed, but we are hoping to enlarge it and make it one of our greatest sources for helping humanity. Since October we have treated one hundred and fourteen patients in the clinic. Many who come to us are very grateful for the assistance they are given in this way. This is indeed a Catholic city, and we find many of the people steeped in superstition. One family with whom we have been in touch has a sick baby. The child was suffering with an abscess in the head, and cried at night. The mother said the child was bad, and she put a wick in a glass of oil and prayed to St. Peter to make her child good. She said her prayer was answered, and that the child had ceased crying. She made the statement that she never prayed to St. Peter that he did not answer her prayers. Another woman burned a light in the window and prayed to one of the saints to make her neighbor's new baby black because she was angry with her. We have many problems to face; yet we feel that we are winning the confidence of the people and the work is counting for much. We organized a woman's club in November, which now has an enrollment of sixteen members. They are very much interested in the club, and attend the meetings even in the worst weather. They have manifested a beautiful spirit, feeling that they must do something for those less fortunate than themselves. They are now planning to give a little concert for the benefit of their charity fund. Many of these people have brave hearts and labor under great difficulties for their very existence. We also have work in the local Church in this part of the city. This is a great work, and I pray that I may be faithful to the great trust God has given us."

NEW ORLEANS, LA.. MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

Mrs. L. Meekin, Head Resident.

This mission has been brought into the larger missionary operations of the city. We now have some industrial features for our young people added to the regular work. I have made 912 visits in the community and 140 to institutions, hospitals, and jails. Five children have been placed in homes, and homes have been secured for four adults. Physicians have been secured ten times, and medicine supplied twenty times. Four hundred meals have been furnished to the unemployed, and twenty homeless men have been provided with shelter. A cripple was assisted to the amount of \$37. A very gracious revival meeting is now in progress in the mission. The preaching is being done by Brothers Moore and Selecman.

STATISTICAL RECORD OF HOME MISSION SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Students.	Amount Paid by Council for Maintenance.	Amount of Tuition Paid by Students.	Value of Goods Given in Payment of Tuition.	Money Paid to School by Friends.	Total Cost of Maintaining School.	Amount Expended for Purchase of Land, Building, and Furniture.	Value of Property.
MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS:									
Steele Bennett School, London, Ky.....	15	422	\$10,314.20	\$ 6,351.67	\$ 172.22	\$ 241.40	\$15,474.65	\$ 7,566.95	\$ 75,000.00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	12	136	4,545.06	2,450.57	.....	.....	.....	630.00	16,000.00
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS:									
Vashti, Thomasville, Ga. (for Friendless Girls).....	7	109	5,317.00	913.58	.....	2,505.22	8,796.90	806.22	30,000.00
Virginia Johnson, Dallas, Tex. (Rescue).....	10	66	5,585.00	962.50	200.00	442.55	8,858.19	49,374.52	80,000.00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (Negro).....	5	115	1,847.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	7,000.00
PACIFIC COAST:*									
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2	12	848.70	46.00	1,433.37	137.85	.....	2,500.00	11,900.00
Japanese Kindergarten and Primary, Alameda, Cal.....	10	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FLORIDA COAST:									
Wolf Mission School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban).....	5	228	1,777.96	507.37	.....	26.00	2,743.50	.....	6,700.00
Cuban Night School, Tampa, Fla.....	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Tampa School (Cuban).....	4	162	450.00	176.50	.....	16.00	.....	.....	1,300.00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	18	617	5,949.97	2,984.23	100.90	623.58	6,868.65	9,000.80	50,575.00
Total	88	1,876	\$56,635.86	\$14,392.42	\$1,915.49	\$6,859.82	\$12,411.99	\$72,578.49	\$278,475.00

* The schools are a small part of the work on the Pacific Coast.

REPORTS OF CITY MISSIONS.

ALBANY, GA.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Missionary.

Upon my arrival here, December 16, I found that what had appeared some months previous as a clear opening for work in the "under world" of this little city had apparently closed, and the leaders in the movement for city mission work advised that we give more attention just then to *preventive* work by instituting a travelers' aid department at the union depot. I was duly installed in this department three days after my arrival in Albany, and have given it much time and close attention during the weeks which have followed. There can be no question but that an experienced Christian woman with the love of souls in her heart is often needed right here to shield and guide the young and inexperienced, the timid and sometimes over-trustful. In some instances girls and young women who were expecting to have to pass most of the night hours alone at the station have been brought to my own rooms for safety and protection. In other instances I have secured suitable lodgings for them or have waited with them at the station until their trains arrived. During the Christmas holidays and for the weeks immediately following I found much work of this sort to do, as many young girls were coming and going between their homes and school just at that time. Recently I have found less opportunity along this line, as there is less travel now than some weeks ago. I am told, however, that when spring shopping begins there will again be hosts of people coming and going and larger possibilities for service.

In addition to the work at the depot, which has taken most of my time, I have visited in some portions of the town which are regarded as the poorer districts. I have found very little so far which seemed to demand the service of a special worker, as the little city is quite well equipped with Churches and Church workers. I shall investigate further, however, and report developments and impressions at the end of another month.

The special district referred to above furnishes a problem, of course, as is the case in every city, great or small; but how to deal with it wisely and effectively is the question. The President and other officers in the organization which brought me here advised against my going into the district under present conditions; and believing that possibilities for greater helpfulness were open to me outside just now, I have bent my energies in other directions, the work of shielding and sheltering those who otherwise would be exposed to the devices of evil having had chief attention.

Every one has been good to me here. There is a band of earnest women in this place, and their work for Christ is counting.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Miss Maybelle Marshall, Deaconess.

Our hearts are gladdened as we retrospect the work of the past six months; for while we are conscious of the retarding influences of human deficiencies, we are also trusting Him "whose we are, and whom we serve" to "establish the work of our hands," and the promise that his word will not return unto him void has been our satisfying portion.

Realizing that "those who live on the mountain have a longer day than those who live in the valley," we are striving to crowd each day with more acceptable service as we rise higher toward the ideal of per-

fect building; for while "his hand is constantly leading us down into the haunts of sin and degradation, the presence of his love has caused our souls to cry out for strength to linger there among the poor and sad, to make them glad."

Our work touches three of the most needy portions of the city, having for centers for evangelistic effort three mission buildings. In each of these centers we are maintaining a weekly prayer service; from two to three gospel services as leaders can be obtained; a Sunday school on Sunday afternoons; a club for mothers, one for girls, and two for boys, with social, industrial, and spiritual feature. These meetings to a large extent furnish the only opportunity for coming in touch with the plan of salvation, while the weekly touch with refinement and culture is to a large extent changing the ideals of the community.

Plans are being developed for a public bath, a community laundry, and several articles of necessary equipment, while we hope at an early date to build permanently, furnishing just the equipment so needed in one of our most interesting localities.

The lack of a city nurse and the unusually hard winter have enlarged the work of friendly visiting and distribution of charities, while many hours have been spent in nursing back to life the very ill.

Space forbids a description of our Christmas joys, made possible by the splendid giving services of Central Church Sunday School and other Churches. Numbers of hearts are truly grateful for the human touch, as the blessings of the Christ-child were carried into destitute homes. Each Sunday school, club, and needy one in the community was remembered, and never before have we had the brilliant display of really-worth-while gifts on the Christmas trees, while the hearts of the small boy and girl were gladdened with the necessary top and doll.

We have a well-supplied linen closet, from which every article necessary in cases of illness or emergency can be borrowed.

The coöperation of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. has been very pleasant and profitable.

Our distinctive effort is to develop the inefficient into efficiency; and this we are doing by every available method, trusting in the gospel story alone as our means of uplift, but using every energy to help these needy ones to come in touch with it.

ATLANTA, GA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Mary E. Daniel, Deaconess, Head Resident; Mary Dickinson, Kindergarten; Mary Moore, Deaconess, Teacher of Domestic Science; Florrie Crim, Day Nursery Matron; Lula Cason, District Nurse.

The hearts of the workers who nine years ago toiled so faithfully in our community and succeeded in inducing only ten children to attend public school would rejoice over the two hundred and more who entered school from our neighborhood this fall. At no time in the history of the community has such a desire for education been manifested. Not only are many children in day school, but the night school enrollment has reached almost two hundred, with the best average attendance in the history of the settlement. The City Board of Education assigned us a sixth teacher this session.

This reaching out for better things is seen and felt in every department. Miss Dickinson says: "The work of the Kindergarten Department has been greatly helped by some much-needed changes during the past year. The room has been remodeled, redecorated, and a new piano has been added. The Atlanta Kindergarten Normal School furnishes

student assistants, which makes possible the proper grading of the children. In all ways this educational interest seems to keep alive in the heart of the neighborhood a thought and a care for the little folk."

Again, the note of progress is sounded by Miss Crim, day nursery matron, who writes: "Our mothers are seeking better advantages for their children, and coöperate gladly with us in our effort to keep them in school. Our little people from three to six years of age attend kindergarten in our house. Since last March we have cared for thirty babies in our day nursery, where the diet has been supervised and medical attention given when needed."

Miss Moore, the new deaconess, who is in charge of the Domestic Science and Arts Department, reports: "We have an enrollment of 148 pupils in this department, twenty-four of whom are little girls in a kitchen garden class. Ours is a well-equipped department, and it is gratifying to see the interest shown and to know that many of the pupils are really practicing in their homes what we are trying to teach them at the Wesley House."

The trained nurse, Miss Lula Cason, in speaking of her department, says: "The work of this department was taken up in September by a graduate nurse, and has since gone on without interruption. The physicians in charge of the clinic are putting more into the work than any of their predecessors, and the attendance is larger than in previous years. One of the most important things accomplished by this department is the vaccination of large numbers of children of school age, thus aiding in getting them into school."

One of the great joys that have come to the workers this year is the fact that when physical directors were needed for two younger boys' clubs we could take two of our own young men from the young men's athletic club and put them in charge of their little brothers. Both of them are strong, clean young fellows, and are aware of the honor and responsibility of the work, and are making good. One of our most faithful sewing school teachers comes from the neighborhood, the first graduate of the Domestic Arts Department.

There are six well-organized clubs, and none has met a greater need than has the Woman's Club, which has done much to broaden and brighten the lives of the women.

The library has been well patronized, and the gymnasium work has been most gratifying.

In the Sunday afternoon Bible hour we are endeavoring to teach God's great truths to the people and to lead them to accept the Christ as Master of their lives.

This has been a good year, but the next year must be better. For every sorrow there has been a double joy, and we praise the Father for the privilege of serving him in this field.

AUGUSTA, GA., KING'S MILLS.

Jennie Ducker, Deaconess, Head Resident; Martha Norburn, Missionary; Margaret Uquhart, Kindergartner; Mary North, Assistant Kindergartner; Prof. Jordan H. Sanford, Teacher.

In preparing this annual survey of the year's activities our hearts have been made to feel that the troubles, the disappointments, and the discouragements of the work have been overshadowed by signs of new life and renewed interest. We find our own lives in losing them in the service of others. The Master Teacher in those far-away Eastern lands, as the people gathered around him and were taught those great, high-

born, and tender truths of human life and destiny, said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Many doors have been opened through which we have endeavored to enter, carrying cheer as we carried the messages of the kingdom, bringing the people into contact with the great Source of all life and power. Some, we trust, have left the disease-infected valleys to live in the warm, mellow sunlight of the mountain tops. Some have caught the upward gaze, and will be blessed by this ministry. And so:

"If you'd live a religion that's noble,
That's godlike and true,
A religion the grandest that men
Or that angels can,
Then live, live the truth
Of the brother who taught you:
It's love to God, service and love
To the fellow man."

Miss Norburn writes:

"This year, as last, my special charge has been the children; and the hours that have been given to his little ones have been filled with a brightness all their own. All too many of our Junior boys are working in the mill, but it has been a joy to note the response of the band that gathers from week to week for its hero study. We have had almost two hundred children enlisted in the Bible hour.

"The enrollment in the night school has been large. It has been encouraging to note the improvement in the personnel and conduct of the students and in their increased desire to make the most of their opportunity.

"Much of our time is given to social work. Life at the mission is one of constant ministry to those who seek us and those we touch in the homes. Looking back over the months spent in Augusta, we see that drunkenness has decreased in this section, fighting has become an almost unknown evil, the degree of cleanliness in the homes is much greater, while the percentage of children in the schools has enormously increased. There is not the shifting in the population, and our people seem more closely bound to the mission. I would we could say that this transformation has reached more vitally the inner springs of life! But this we know, 'There never was one lost good;' so we trust that the forces of life and truth that have been brought to bear on these broken characters may yet bear fruit in redeeming the waste places."

BALTIMORE, MD.

Miss De Etta Whitwell, Deaconess.

As I look over my first quarter's work, I thank my Master for a new sense of his presence and for comfort and guidance through every day. I have been in Baltimore only three months and a half. Much time has been spent in getting acquainted and adjusted and in preparing for the organized work that has begun since the first of the year. My work is that of pastor's assistant at the Wilkins Avenue Church. The Church has a membership of about one hundred and ninety, all wage-earning people, employees of the near-by railroad shops and factories. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 375, with an average attendance of 230. I was given the Philathea Class, composed of twenty-six women, and we have had many happy hours together. I also teach in the Jun-

ior League and help as best I can in the Senior League and in the Woman's Home Mission Society. Our Mission Study Class was well attended; and as the League has pledged twenty-five dollars for Cuba, we are now very much interested in the study of that country. I visit for all departments of the Church, and try especially to interest and win those about us who have no Church affiliations. The deaconess life contains so many beautiful, helpful experiences—the prayer in the home, the heart-to-heart talks about the Saviour, the needy to help, and the discouraged to cheer.

Since Christmas I have organized a mothers' club, two girls' clubs, and have a story hour for the children.

My work is under the supervision of the Baltimore City Mission Board, which also employs Mrs. Marie Mathews as pastor's assistant at Caernarvon, one of our mission charges in the city. She is a truly consecrated Christian worker, and her work is blessed of God. There are many problems and perplexities, but the days are full of joy, and I thank my Heavenly Father for this place in his vineyard.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Miss Florida Dewar, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Constance Palmore, Deaconess; Miss Mittie Hamby, Kindergartner.

The Wesley House was closed in the summer because of the illness of the supply worker, Miss Chambers, who had rendered faithful and efficient service for two years. In October the new Head Resident, Miss Florida Dewar, reached Birmingham. The management of the Avondale Mills has made it possible to concentrate the work of the City Mission Board in a most important section. A Wesley House has been furnished, and the entire maintenance of the kindergarten assumed.

Miss Dewar writes: "I wish to tell you that this work has a bright future. The people are receiving us well. They are interested in our work, are appreciative of everything that is being done, and, as a rule, are easily reached. The mill owners have done far more than I had ever hoped for. They are paying fifty dollars per month toward the support of the work, are furnishing coal, electric lights, water, janitor, and are constantly doing little things inside the building for our convenience. We have had to organize different classes very slowly, as much time has had to be spent in getting the buildings in proper shape for work. We moved out when we hardly had more than the framework to come to. We have tried to carry on the nursery and kindergarten and as many clubs and classes as we could feel safe in launching and at the same time have such work as plumbing, wiring, carpentering, plastering, painting, etc., going on in the house. We feel that now, since the greater part of this mechanical work is done, we are in good shape to make some headway and to serve these people and our Master in a more acceptable way."

BRISTOL, VA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Berta Thomas, Deaconess.

There have been changes in our work since our last report was given, yet we feel that "the good hand of our God has been upon us." Since the closing of the furnace and rolling mill the people of our Churches have gradually lost interest in the Wesley House, so that there has been a constant struggle for the City Mission Board to keep up the financial side of our work. Until recently the deaconess in charge has

done the housekeeping with the help of her companion, visited in the neighborhood, received visitors, cared for the sick, and directed the work of the four departments. The Wesley House is some distance from the street and not easily accessible in disagreeable weather, and this has caused the work to suffer from scarcity of teachers. Hence the most of the work of teaching has devolved upon the deaconess.

We have felt that the home has meant much to the community, yet it was found necessary to close it. Through an agreement with State Street Church to make up the deficit in financing the Wesley House work, it was decided that the deaconess should divide her time between the Wesley House as director of the departments and State Street Church as pastor's assistant. This necessitated the closing of the Wesley House as a home and the boarding of the deaconess in the city. The Sunday school, sewing school, and mothers' club are carried on as before, and certain days are set apart for visiting. We hope to have some young men to keep up the night school, since the working boys have requested it.

Although there have been difficulties, there have also been many things to encourage us in every department of our work, and we feel confident that our labors have not been in vain.

DALLAS, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Grace Hemenway, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Gertrude Grizard, Deaconess; Miss Olga Huber, District Nurse.

As I look back over the past year's work, I feel that God has given me a broader vision of the needs of the work. It is hard to measure results, yet we can see in many ways that the people are learning to have more regard for cleanliness and to feel that fresh air is essential to life. We have placed one little girl in an orphans' home. With the help of other organizations, we have placed one woman who had weak lungs in a tent, so she might have a chance for life. Three children have been moved from unfavorable surroundings.

When I look upon the people around us who are starving spiritually and who know so little of what it means to live righteously, my heart cries out: "Who is sufficient for these things?" Who is able to teach the truth to these people, who for generations have not known it? Yet we are able to do all things through Christ; and if we sow the seed, God will bring forth the result.

In our mothers' club we are studying the Gospel of St. John. We have the small books that contain just the one Gospel. After having the Bible lesson on "Jesus and the Woman of Samaria," one woman asked permission to take the book of St. John home with her. A few days later I heard her talking to a friend, and this is what she said: "I became so interested in that book that I read almost all of it." One of our physicians talked to our mothers on "The Care of Babies," and told them many essential things in caring for the little ones.

We are endeavoring to teach the young women of the cooking school how to plan meals and something of the cost of living. They are fine young women, and they need our help very much. In the work of 1912 we are going to put great stress on this department of the work and try by the help of God to win these young lives to him. The young people of the League of the First Methodist Church are holding cottage prayer meetings in our neighborhood every week, and much good is being done in carrying the word of God to our people in these weekly meetings.

Miss Olga Huber, of St. Louis, is our district nurse. She has been

with us for four months, and has entered many homes, making herself a blessing to all. She gives the following report: "In the four months of district nursing in the cotton mill district I find the people learning more each day. I visit daily, instruct the mothers how to care for the children and how to prevent disease. I am glad to say that most of the mothers enjoy my visits and feel hurt when I visit others more than I do them. We have a free clinic every Wednesday from two to three o'clock, and have furnished thirty-three bottles of medicine. When one of the patients has a lingering illness I take flowers to brighten up the sick room. I have taken six bouquets. Number of visits made, 472; patients sent to hospital, 8. I have assisted in four obstetrical cases and three operations. I have loaned thirty-one pieces of linen from our supply closet, and have given ten jars of fruit."

Miss Gertrude Grizzard came to us in December, and will prove a helpmeet indeed.

DALLAS, TEX., WESLEY CHAPEL.

Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Deaconess.

The Wesley Chapel stands like a lighthouse in the midst of a sea of corruption, and the waves of humanity that surge around it seem hellward-bound. Fifty bawdy houses, thirteen saloons, and the greatest curse of all, the numerous drug stores and "hop joints"—these are the devices of Satan to lure innocent souls to ruin. "Dope fiends," many of them with marks of culture on their persons, wander aimlessly up and down the streets, begging. Dallas is poisoned with the social evil. This district is the center of the white slave traffic. Within the last six months large buildings adapted for immoral purposes have been built. They are long, low, structures divided into "cribs." Each crib contains a woman who is named and numbered like cattle at the State Fair. It is heartbreaking to hear men discussing this business so indifferently. The City Mission Board has brought every influence to bear, but all in vain. The city government seems helpless. Scattered throughout this district are many families too poor to live in a more respectable neighborhood on account of high rent. To save these families—this is the work of the chapel.

The past year has been one of progress against almost insurmountable barriers. The following is the schedule of work: Sunday, 3 p.m., Sunday school; 7:30 p.m., preaching. Monday, 7:30 p.m., social evening. Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., mothers' club; 7:30 p.m., cottage prayer meeting. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting. Friday, 3 p.m., sewing school; 7:30 p.m., boys' club. Free clinic, Tuesdays and Fridays, 2 to 3 p.m.

Wesley Chapel is now under the direction of Dr. Gibson, of the First Methodist Church. The pulpit is filled by the ministers of the city. The Sunday school is flourishing. Seventy is the enrollment. The clinic has proved a power for good; 126 patients have been treated. It is through the sewing school and the boys' club that we touch the lowest element. Most of the boys are newsboys, and they are the worst in the city. The mothers' club has an enrollment of thirty-five. The hunger of soul shown in the careworn faces as they listen to the Scriptures is touching. A saved mother means a saved home.

During this past year every family within the bounds of the district has been touched either through the prayer services, clubs, or clinic. Satan has intrenched himself, and the warfare is hard; but victory will come, for Christ is the great Captain.

DANVILLE, VA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Annie Bass, Missionary.

As we look back over the past ten months, we feel that much has been accomplished through our work in Danville. Although there have been difficulties and at times hard battles to be fought against sin and self, yet we have felt His guiding hand ever leading us onward in His service. It seems that the greatest increase in the work at the Wesley House has been through our free dispensary, which was begun in February, 1911, by one of our eye, ear, nose, and throat specialists. We now have four doctors giving their services each week, and hundreds have been given medical advice and treatment.

Through our city missionary a great deal of charity work has been done among the poor and needy. We have no united or organized charities in this city, and we are using our efforts to bring all of the different denominations together, so that the charities may be distributed wisely and well. We are also trying to organize an Anti-Tuberculosis League to fight the great white plague, of which there are a large number of cases among the working people who live near our Wesley House.

The students of the Randolph-Macon Institute helped us to play Santa Claus by filling about seventy-five Christmas stockings for the little folks.

As we visit and serve in the lowliest homes, we often feel that we can hear Him saying: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

DARLINGTON, S. C.

Miss Mattie Dickens, Missionary.

Since we cannot determine the amount of good we have accomplished by the outward results, nor measure the strength of our work by the number of things we do, it is difficult to give a satisfactory report of our work. This is a pleasant and promising field in which to labor. The conditions are conducive to the building up of a strong and permanent work. The mill operatives are very susceptible to any kindness shown them, and many of them respond nobly to the efforts that are being put forth for their betterment.

The Methodist Church (uptown) is becoming more and more interested in our work in the mill village. The Junior League gave a nice Christmas tree to our club children. Some of the ladies from the Home Mission Society have promised to conduct a sewing school for us.

The Churches of the city contributed to a common fund Christmas for the relief of the sick and poor. A nice purse was given for the work in this district.

For years the Methodists and Freewill Baptists have had a union Sunday school in the common hall. At the beginning of the new year the Methodists opened a distinctively Methodist school. We were delighted with our opening; there were over eighty present. We are expecting to have a large school and do a great work when we get into the new church, which is almost completed. We will have a large auditorium, a primary department, and several classrooms.

A Y. M. C. A. is being opened in our village. I shall have access to its library and the use of the gymnasium for my classes in games and physical culture.

An Epworth League was organized in October. The young men and women of the different Churches attend, and have entered into the work

with enthusiasm. We have the weekly devotional meetings and the literary socials monthly. We will begin a Mission Study Class in February.

There are about fifty children enrolled in the Bible story hour, and the average attendance and the deportment are excellent.

The president of the mill has had a domestic science room fitted up, and furnishes the money to run two cooking classes. He is in sympathy with our work, but he says he cannot give much material aid this year, as the cost of the opening and furnishing of the Y. M. C. A. is so great.

We need a Wesley House and a kindergarten teacher. We are working and praying with this end in view.

FORT WORTH, TEX.

Miss Lillie F. Fox, Missionary.

The records for the year 1911 have closed; and while all has not been accomplished that I should have liked to see, yet it has been a very happy year, and one not without fruit, as the work has been done "in His name." There has been an increase in interest among our people generally, the Board members, the auxiliaries, pastors, and the Church at large; and not only in my work, but along all lines of social service. A Superintendent of City Missions, under the direction of the City Church Extension Board, and our new deaconess in the packing house center have added much to our efficiency and equipment. The financial crisis of the past few months has been a handicap to our work, but has taught us better to use the equipment that we have. What I have tried to give to others "for Jesus's sake" is the blessed side of my work.

The mission Sunday school has decreased some—not on account of a lack of interest, but from a lack of children. The whites are gradually leaving this territory, and the colored people are coming in; but so long as we can we will hold our work there. We have seen some of our children born into the kingdom, which gives us reason for great joy. We have had picnics, candy-pullings, and various socials for them. We had a splendid program on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day there was a lovely tree, when they were beautifully remembered.

The sewing school has increased very much. It is held in connection with one of our Churches which we want to make institutional. The children are doing beautiful work. Besides our girls, we have four boys. We have given them some parties also, but the best was one annual Christmas party. Our First Church auxiliary is financing this department of work.

There are many interesting things with reference to the visiting, but space forbids my giving them. There are many sad ones and many happy ones. "My folks" were all remembered at the Christmas season by the friends more fortunate. I want to acknowledge the generosity and liberality of many such. I had to have an express wagon and an automobile to carry the Christmas baskets, or rather Miss Stevens and I did.

A system of neighborhood mothers' clubs is just in its beginning, and we trust that it will prove a valuable aid to our work.

Considering the year as a whole, there has been a steady going forward, and I believe the new year will bring great things to our work here in bringing God's kingdom upon the earth.

NORTH FORT WORTH, TEX.

Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess.

I gave up my old work at Thurber in September. After spending a month at home, I arrived here in October. I have been over my terri-

tory, and in all the homes, of every nationality, I meet with kindness, and they seem glad for me to come. We have a general mixture of nationalities, but I have never in my Christian work made any distinction; for whether they are foreign or American, bond or free, they are the same to the heart of the Good Shepherd.

As I first "spied out my land," I felt indeed like the "walls were broken down and the city burned with fire." Yet my Lord says, "I will be with thee;" and while I see the difficulties, through them I also see my Father's face. The people, too, have a mind to work and help.

I board at the parsonage, which is very congenial and pleasant, and room with Miss Boyd, one of the teachers in the public schools. She has the true missionary spirit, and is a great help in the work. Her influence counts for much.

Our brethren support Brother Knizek, a Bohemian, who gives part of his time to the work here and is in Polytechnic College the remainder of his time. We have rented a cottage near the packing house, where he teaches at night. We also have Sunday school there, and are reaching foreigners and Americans through it.

It isn't any more what we can do, but what God can do through us; and by faith in him we can come in and possess the land. While this is a great and needy field, in another year I believe we shall have more to report.

GREENWOOD, S. C.

Miss Lucy Epps, Missionary.

The work was opened here the middle of October. It being initiative work, I felt a little at a loss in the beginning, but soon found that I have a friend in the pastor of the little mill Church, who had prepared the way for my coming; and the hearts and homes of the people have been opened to me in a way I had not dared hope before coming.

Though there are five mills in and near Greenwood, I am expected to visit only in the two villages which are within the town limits. The greater part of my work is in connection with Galloway Memorial Church, at Grendell Mill No. 1. Here there is a Sunday school where I have charge of the men's Bible class. I think I have never felt any responsibility as I do that of teaching God's Word to these men. In the community there are false ideas and teachings to contend with, and one has to be very explicit and very plain in her statements not to be misunderstood. My heart's desire is that the Father shall give me special power here.

We have organized a Woman's Missionary Society, and a Christmas gift of \$6.75 was made for missions, this to be equally divided between the Wightman-Humber Home, in Korea, and the Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.

I have visited all the homes of Grendell No. 1 and the greater number of those at Greenwood Mill. I have ministered as best I could to the sick, and in cases of extreme poverty I have provided clothing and provisions.

A story hour was opened at the little schoolhouse, which was continued through the months of November and December. The children (girls and boys) varied so in their ages and came in such numbers that the one-room school building was found to be an impracticable place for club work of any kind, though I had two splendid helpers. Other plans have been made for 1912, which will take the work into the church building.

A number of children have been found in the mill who are under the

age limit. The disease most dreaded in the mill village to-day is pellagra, which is very prevalent in the summer months, though reduced to a minimum in winter.

HOUSTON, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Annie Trawick, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Deaconess, Parish Visitor; Miss Audry Wade, House Mother.

"God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We have thirty-two working girls in our home at present, and could have more had we room for them. The working girls of Houston realize that the Wesley House is not a mere lodging place, but a real home with a house mother, deaconesses, and nurse caring for and protecting them in every way possible. Recently the mother of one of our girls visited us for several days. Some one persuaded her to place her daughter in a boarding house nearer the city. The following day the mother came to me and said: "I have brought my daughter back. I cannot find such a home as yours in Houston." We have had in our home this year 115 girls. Some of these were with us only a short time; better places were offered some in other cities. Occasionally we have sweet cards and letters from those who have left us. How thankful we are that the Churches of Houston have been used by God to establish this home for our wage-earning girls! Only eternity can tell what it has meant to them.

We have reason to believe that we will be in our new Wesley House next winter. In this new home we can house sixty girls more comfortably than the thirty that we now have, as we will have all modern conveniences. Then, too, the institutional features of our work can be conducted in a more satisfactory way, because we will be adjoining the church.

Our pastor secured an efficient young man from the Methodist Training School to assist with the Boys' Club work and the work among the Mexicans. He reports seventy-five enrolled in the Sunday school and fifty young men in the night school.

The Mexicans in our Sunday school have a sermon in their language once each month.

One of the deaconesses has been teaching fifteen Mexican children in the afternoon. They will be able to enter the public school next fall.

Our nurse not only cares for the girls in the home, but she visits the different schools of the city, thus assisting the city physicians in finding the defective children. The young people of one of our Churches have been supplying the nurse with ten dollars per month for drugs and dispensary articles. We appreciate the coöperation of the young people, feeling that it benefits them as well as those to whom they minister.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, parish visitor, writes:

"My work as pastor's assistant at McKee Street Church began April 1, and during these months I have had a congenial home in the Wesley House. A Home Department of the Sunday school has been entered, resulting in eighty-six members. An adult Bible class is also taught. I have organized a Junior League, and am now its Superintendent. I assisted in the second revival meeting, which lasted three weeks, and much inspiration and hope were gained from it.

"A house-to-house canvass for the Sunday school was made of a part of our territory, and a canvass was made to obtain housing conditions for the Social Committee of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. These two canvasses resulted in information that is valuable to us in

many ways. Most of the time has been spent in visiting in the homes of the members of the Church, the non-Church member, the well-to-do and the poor, the sick and the needy, the thoughtful and the unconcerned, the joyous and the sad; yet among so many different homes and lives one fact is common to all: all heed the same Christ, with his gospel of unselfish love and holy living. My desire, my purpose throughout the year has been to carry his message to all, to live the Christ life and rightly interpret his spirit to the world; and while the result is not what it should be, the all-wise Father-God can make the failures and mistakes to praise him."

KANSAS CITY, MO., INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Miss Mary Ora Durham, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Mac Shelton, Deaconess; Miss Myrtle Rhudy, Deaconess; Miss Annie Mutch, Deaconess; Miss Cora Green, Teacher; Miss Freda Deitrich, Kindergartner.

The Institutional Church is closing another year of service to the people of the North Side of Kansas City. We scarcely realize the wonderful opportunity of touching the lives of those living in our community until for one week we take notice of those coming to us for aid, for advice, or to enroll in some class or club, and find that these number thirteen hundred! Mothers seeking a place to put their little ones, or maybe one asking advice in planning for her future; or young girls in the city for the first time seeking protection from the many evils about them—these and many others form the stream of humanity coming daily to us for help.

We have begun this year keeping our records so that they may become permanent ones. We have tried to make our office a place of business as well as of counsel and advice. A slight change has been made in the Relief Department. From investigation we found that many people were in need of clothing, but were too proud to come to us and ask for relief. So in order to meet this need, in addition to the clothes given away to those calling for them, we have every Saturday morning a sale of clothing. Everything is sold at a small cost, thus enabling many to supply their needs and at the same time maintain their self-respect.

One of the greatest pleasures that have come to us has been the association with the other social workers of the city. We were very fortunate in having the child welfare exhibit here for two weeks. Our workers gave of their time and strength to get up exhibits, to lecture, to give exhibitions of class work, and to help in every way possible the promotion of this splendid enterprise. The year's work has been marked by a desire on the part of all to advance the Master's work. The superintendents of the different departments will give their reports below.

Miss Shelton writes of the Junior Girls' Department: "A great responsibility rests upon one who works with junior boys or girls; they have the children during that formative period when their young minds are open to new thoughts and suggestions. Each life is a handful of clay, and can be molded into a 'vessel of honor or dishonor.' In my work with the junior girls I have classes in cooking, sewing, kitchen and garden, and have clubs and 'gym' classes. In cooking I teach them not only how to prepare dishes that are wholesome and good, but how to serve a meal when prepared. They discuss the foodstuffs used with regard to their classification and comparative food values. In sewing the children make useful articles that they can use when finished; they

keep their self-respect by paying a little something for each article made. In the kitchen garden I try to make them feel the dignity of housework and the beauty of an orderly, clean home. Different lines of work are taken up in the clubs; but the object of each is to give harmless pleasure and amusement, to promote friendship among its members, to instill within them high ideals and principles. In every class we have the Bible verses or a Bible lesson, prayer, and songs. One club of girls forms our junior choir; they help with the church music every Sunday morning. If a child does not attend some other church, it is urged to attend ours. This year I sold 36,450 bottles of milk, amounting to \$632.08. We gave our annual baby show this year in connection with the child's welfare exhibit. The summer school work was a great success. The classes met each afternoon. Twenty-five volunteer teachers were used."

Miss Rhudy reports as follows: "In the Children and Mothers' Department many children have been cared for during the year. Attending the juvenile court every Friday morning, several children are added to the household. During the year over two hundred of these children have been in the church, and you would find very few of the original number now with us. We have babies from a week old up to boys eight years old and girls fourteen. The day nursery has also been well attended during the year. Most of these children had the privilege last summer of going for an outing to the country. Kind-hearted friends in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri invited different crowds of our children to spend a few weeks with them in their homes. As a result, some of the children who had no homes were adopted in the homes in which they happened to be placed. The good times the children had in their frolics, wading in streams, swimming in ponds, will long be remembered. The under-age kindergarten, taught by Miss Deitrich, has been well attended by the little tots. As they come five mornings in the week and go through their exercise they form one of the happiest groups in the whole work. Two mothers' clubs are maintained, one for the American mothers and one for the Italian mothers. One Italian club member was heard to say: 'I always come home from the club rested and cheered up, and I have learned so many things that I never once thought of.'"

Miss Mutch writes: "The present worker in the Young People's Department has been here only a short time. She is trying to become a club woman. The Thursday Evening Club is growing in interest and numbers. These girls come direct from their work. We lunch together. After the dishes are cleared, two-thirds of the evening is given to physical culture, and the last part is devoted to games. One evening each month is set apart for a social. Sunday afternoons are often spent visiting the shut-ins of the community, trying not only to cheer, but to comfort them by songs and prayers. A class in expression has been organized for Friday afternoon; the girls seem enthusiastic. At present they are interested in who will secure the most new members in a given time. Another feature will be the opening of the club room, where the young ladies working near will find an attractive place to eat their lunches. Hot drinks will be served for a small sum. Here they find a change, recreation, and music, which may lighten the burden of the afternoon's work. The young men use the club room one evening for games, but their greatest delight is basket ball. Later it is planned to organize a military company. This is merely a beginning. We are working for more boys and girls. In and through it all we are hoping to show them the wide harvest field wherein lies work for each."

KNOXVILLE, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Evelyn Waddell, Deaconess, Head Resident.

For various reasons we could not open the work here after the vacation until about the middle of October, so I have only about two months' work to report. Owing to the lateness of my arrival, it was impossible to get volunteer help, as most of the people that could help had other things planned for Christmas. So I have given most of my time to visiting the people, getting acquainted, studying conditions, and planning for work after the holidays. Several young men and women have promised their assistance after the holidays. Thus far I have organized only three clubs—the kitchen garden, Bible story hour, and sewing school. The children are showing great interest in the work, and at Christmas entered very enthusiastically into the program and carried it out with credit. This program was given on Christmas night, and in connection with it we had a Christmas tree, on which we arranged some useful little present, with candy and fruit, for eight-five children. It is very gratifying to see the interest of the children in the clubs, and the prospects for the new year are very promising. We are praying for and expecting a great year, for we are trusting in One who has never failed us.

LEAD BELT, FLAT RIVER, MO.

Miss Connie Fagan, Deaconess; Miss Zadie Royalty, Deaconess.

On August 31, 1911, I arrived in the Lead Belt to take up my work there. As the name indicates, this is a mining district. It is composed of six towns situated close together. Each has a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, each being a station. Each Church is represented on the Lead Belt Board. I have visited all the towns, and have met the Church people, who are generally interested in the Lead Belt work and are eager to assist in any way they can.

There are about eight thousand foreigners of many nationalities at work in the lead mines. It is among these that we are especially anxious to open up work. I have visited many of the foreigners, and they welcome me to their homes and seem to appreciate any kindness shown. Thanks to my predecessor, who was much beloved, the little bonnet and white ties mean a friend to them. Their children have the opportunity of attending the public schools, and they speak the English language well. The men and women are anxious to learn English. We have no organized work among them for the reason that we are not able to house clubs and classes.

I have attended the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Farmington District and also of the St. Louis District, presenting the work of the Lead Belt at both of these meetings. Miss Bennett favored us with a visit in November, coming to inspect the field with a view to inaugurating more permanent work than has yet been attempted.

Miss Royalty writes of her work here as follows: "The report of work in the Lead Belt is for five months, March 1 to August 1, 1911. The work among the foreigners constituted the greater part of the work. The Lord gave me favor with them, and I made many friends among them, having made 347 visits in their homes, and had 776 conversations. During the months of May, June, and July a school was conducted to which several Italians and Russians came. The attendance was never large, but opportunities were given for personal talks, which I tried to make the most of. A supply of Testaments and portions of the Scriptures was obtained by grant from the American Bible Society, and some

of these were usually carried on my visits to the foreign villages. Many of the people were glad to buy them. One Russian who bought a Bible read it eagerly and often brought some passage to me for explanation. He also asked many questions about the teachings of the Protestants, and compared them with the Catholic teachings. His questions were answered from the Bible as much as possible. A sewing class of both American and foreign children has been conducted, though the enrollment was small. Other work consisted of visiting, especially the sick; attendance at missionary societies, League, and Sunday school; and completing the mission study begun in the preceding quarter."

LOUISVILLE, KY., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Ellen Douglas Gainey, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Eunice Segars, Deaconess; Miss Cornelia Wicker, Deaconess; Mrs. Carrie L. Bond, District Nurse.

As we come to the close of another year's work at this place, our hearts are full of gratitude, because we know that our Father's blessing has been upon the work. Not all that we hoped for has been accomplished or even attempted, yet we are encouraged because the work is growing and opportunities are opening. A greater number of the people of the community are being brought into the clubs and classes, and we believe the Methodists of the city are becoming more and more interested. We have been able to secure a greater number of volunteer helpers than heretofore, and their faithfulness has been a source of joy and inspiration to the resident workers.

Our long-hoped-for men's club has become a reality. This work has been undertaken by members of the Fourth Avenue Brotherhood. We are expecting much good to result from this much-needed work in this district. Our men really seem interested, and we have enrolled thirty-two members.

Mrs. Bond, the district nurse, and the volunteer physicians have done faithful work in the clinic. More than seven hundred patients have been treated at the Wesley House, and a number have been sent to the hospitals.

The Milk Station, under the auspices of the Babies' Milk Fund Association, has been kept open all winter. Miss Henderson, the capable nurse in charge, is also an efficient social worker, and her coöperation and help mean much in the general work of the Wesley House.

Miss Segars, who has charge of the Boys' Department, submits the following: "What is more interesting than a real boy? The interest in the boys' work is constantly increasing. Last year the annual report showed an enrollment of 32 boys; this year we have 122. In addition to the Bible work, the Grenfell Club has taken up basketry. The screening of the windows and lights in the assembly hall has made it possible to have such indoor games as basket ball and volley ball. This has greatly increased the interest and enthusiasm of the boys. A young man from the Y. M. C. A. has a gymnasium class of thirty-six boys. My special Sunday work this year is a class of boys in the Clifton-Crescent Sunday School."

Miss Wicker, who came to us in September, says of her work: "The girls' club, with an average attendance of fifteen, is an attractive feature at the Wesley House. The sewing school is also my especial work. The average attendance has been excellent, and the children are doing really fine work in this department. Most of them are making garments. Ten volunteer teachers render faithful service in the sewing school. It is impossible to estimate the good that can come to these

girls through the influence of the Wesley House, and my constant prayer is that I may be worthy of the great work committed to me, and that I may be used of Him in bringing many of these girls to know Jesus Christ. It is my great privilege to be the Sunday school teacher of a class of splendid young women at Rivers Memorial Church."

HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Miss Maria M. Elliott, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Francis M. Mann, Deaconess, Parish Visitor; Miss Bessie Pier-son, Head Nurse; Miss Cora Brown and Miss Luella McCalpin, Assistant Nurses.

Looking back over the past ten months and trying to count up results that might be of interest to incorporate in a report, there seems very little indeed to report for the year's work. Our long-talked-of hospital is still a thing of the future, so our coöperative home seems no nearer than when I made my last report. It seemed wisest during the summer to discontinue the boys' club and the sewing class, and they have not been resumed. The hospital has, however, enjoyed a more prosperous year, with a larger patronage than ever. A heavy assessment for the widening of Sunset Boulevard has taxed our resources severely; but we met it, and now we are confronted with the prospect of a much larger assessment for the paving of the same. We are hoping to be ready to meet that also.

According to a plan mapped out by the City Mission Board in conjunction with the pastors, Miss Mann and I have given our services to the five city Churches, our work consisting chiefly in canvassing and parish visiting. We have canvassed three districts; have visited for the Sunday schools; have assisted in the missionary societies and in the Junior, Senior, and Intermediate Leagues. Results are not always visible in such work, but we have had the satisfaction this year of seeing the fruit of some of our labors. Two broken families have been completely reclaimed and restored to normal relations through our efforts, so we feel that our "labor has not been in vain in the Lord."

Miss Head's visit was a real inspiration to us, and, as a result of it, we are planning a forward move in city mission work. It has been proved highly impracticable to have any kind of institutional work in the same building with the hospital, and the character of the population in the immediate neighborhood of the Home does not call for real settlement work; but there is a district only a few blocks away that is a ripe and unoccupied field, and we are expecting to enter it as soon as we can secure a suitable house, a thing not at all easy to do, as we have found after weeks of searching. Madam Joanna Von Wagner, of the City Housing Commission, has divided the city into districts, and at Christmas time the different Churches and benevolent organizations were requested to take a district. Our Church took one, and we had the joy of playing Santa Claus to twenty-five or thirty families, distributing baskets of food, fruits, candies, toys, and clothing. We could not finish on Monday, so we worked Tuesday and Wednesday also, using the school building of the district as our distributing center. We found an appalling amount of destitution among the residents.

Miss Mann being away on her vacation at present, makes it impossible to get her report in time; but I can say that she has given entire satisfaction in her work for the various Churches, the pastors speaking in highest terms of the help she has given them. Her work is scattered all over the city, it sometimes requiring half a day to make one call; but, notwithstanding this, she has made 710 visits during the

year, besides assisting in the management of the household affairs and taking entire charge during my vacation in the fall.

Miss Pierson's report is as follows:

"It is with very grateful hearts that we acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father to us all through this past year, which has been such a successful one in so many ways. Our patients have come not only through the orders of their doctors, but at the requests of other patients and our mutual friends. As the saying is, 'We are advertised by our loving friends.'

"In the last ten, even in the last thirteen, months we have lost only one patient through the grim reaper. As in previous years, the larger proportion of our work has been surgical cases, there being ninety-four surgical, thirty-five medical, and four maternity. Our receipts for the ten months were \$4,105.27, and the amount spent on the free bed was \$746.65. This has been a great blessing to many, and we will be glad when we have our regular income for this purpose.

"Our patients have not been confined to those of our own race, but have been of nine other nationalities: Mexican, English, Bohemian, Swedish, German, Korean, Spanish, Swiss, and Armenian. In our dealings with our patients of so many nationalities and such differing religions and all degrees of mental and physical discomfort our opportunities for the exercise of any God-given talents we may possess are limitless. And may our Heavenly Father grant that we consider no opportunity too small of which to take advantage to minister to our fellow man!"

MACON, GA., DOOR OF HOPE.

Mrs. F. M. Knowles in Charge.

This new year finds me still happy in the service of the Lord at the Door of Hope. I have enjoyed ten and one-half years of service with the Lord, having Jesus the Head of the house. I realize more each day that I must depend on the Lord entirely for help and guidance. Our family numbers ten girls and six babies. There have been twenty-four girls in the home from the first of March, 1911, up to the present day. Seven girls were returned to their loved ones after having been here two years; two, with their babies, have good homes; one died in the home; one was sent to another home; three left after staying one night. Seven babies were born in the home; three did not live. One baby was adopted, and one was placed in the orphans' home. Three girls go out to work by the day. We have a deaconess now who comes four afternoons each week and gives the girls sewing lessons. She will commence instruction in scientific cooking very soon. We praise God for the help of our deaconess.

This seems to have been the best year of our work. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." It is wonderful how the people have confidence now in the work. They seem to believe now that a fallen girl can be redeemed by the blood of our dear Saviour.

MACON, GA., BIBB MILLS.

Miss Martha Du Pree, Deaconess.

Surely the Father came on before us, broke down the barriers, and prepared the way for the opening of our mill work at this point. That the spirit of love is abroad in the hearts of the people has been proved by the earnest coöperation we have received from mill owners, municipal officials, the Board of Education, and the professional people, and by the interest of the mill employees.

The mill managers have given us the use of a house at Bibb Mill No. 2, remodeled to meet our need; and by the first of February we will open a night school, the mothers' club, boys' club, sewing school, clinic, and cooking classes. Two salaried teachers, one from the high school and one from the public schools, have been assigned to the night school by the City Board of Education. We are fortunate to have the assistant manager of the Bibb Manufacturing Company and the superintendent of one of the mills offering their services for the night school work.

Our mills are so widely scattered that we must concentrate our efforts to a great degree on one mill district; but it is hard to turn our eyes away from these other sections, so neglected and so needy. In November we opened a sewing school at Payne's Mill, with an enrollment of twenty-five the first Saturday—a number now grown to forty-five. For want of room we had not planned for the boys; but they asked permission to come, and we always have from two to eight boys who are quite content to do the same work the girls are doing that they may enjoy the flag marches and drills afterwards.

It is my privilege to have charge of the industrial training at the Door of Hope. Our new laundry room and domestic science kitchen, given to us by one of the ladies of the City Mission Board, is nearing completion, and the girls will have a course in cookery and instructions in laundry work. They are taking the regular course in sewing. They have finished the preparatory course, have made the aprons and towels to be used in the cooking classes at the mill, as well as their own, and they are now taking up embroidery and handmade garments.

My work is varied and full of daily blessings and opportunities. Children have been placed in school, the sick sent to the hospital, the destitute helped, and the hearts of the people and my heart made glad in my daily visiting. We are encouraged by the interest of the people of all classes and by the wonderful things that God has done for us to "attempt still greater things for him."

MEMPHIS, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Ethelyn Knapp, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Janette Haskin, Kindergartner.

The work in Memphis, which was closed in June, was reopened September 1, when I came as head resident. Much time has been spent in getting acquainted with the people, studying conditions, reorganizing old clubs, and organizing new ones.

The English class for Jewish mothers is one of the most beneficial as well as interesting of our classes. It is meeting a real need, for we are giving them something they cannot get elsewhere.

The Wesley House Boy Carpenters' Club, which is composed of boys between twelve and fourteen years of age, is in charge of a man who thoroughly understands boys. Several useful pieces of furniture have been made for the Wesley House, as well as for their own homes. The smaller boys are also organized into a club. Songs, games, and handwork have engaged their energies.

The young ladies' club, which meets once a week, is composed of young women who are employed in stores, factories, laundries, and offices. They are doing plain sewing, and a social function is planned and carried out by the girls themselves each month.

The kitchen garden classes, which has recently been organized, are the only classes composed entirely of Gentiles, due to the fact that they

are conducted on Saturday. We feel that this work is much needed, and that the lessons given in the different phases of house work will help the girls to make the one or two rooms in which most of them live more like a real home.

On account of our limited quarters, we are unable to maintain a reading room, but our circulating library is very popular with both the boys and the girls.

In the Relief Department many families have been helped and encouraged, and many hearts have been made brighter and happier by baskets at Christmas.

Owing to the nearness of our work to First Church, we have no need of Sunday services, but use our influence in getting our people to attend church and our children to attend Sunday school. Many have been influenced to go. Coöperation is also maintained with other city benevolences, especially the visiting nurse and the juvenile court.

Miss Haskin reports: "In September I again took my place as kindergarten, and with it assumed the work of the sewing school and story hour. This has been the best year we have yet had in the kindergarten in this locality. The average attendance almost equals the enrollment, and the interest and regularity are indeed encouraging. The enrollment of the sewing school is seventy-five, with an attendance of forty-five or fifty. The same course has been followed as that of last year, and is as popular and satisfactory. The story hour was organized last year just after the yearly report, with two faithful and efficient volunteer workers as leaders. The success has been proved by the pleasure and benefit, which have been derived from it by both leaders and children."

MERIDIAN, MISS., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Alice Sheider, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Mollie Womack, Deaconess.

"The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee." Although some very perplexing problems have arisen in our work and sometimes I have hardly known which way to turn, God's promises have not failed. The days have been full of opportunities for service. My own joy has been so great and my own life has been so enriched and deepened by this service that I can truthfully say that this has been the best year of my life.

I have averaged one hundred visits per month, many of them to the sick and shut-ins. One hundred and thirty-seven trays and 108 bouquets have been carried to the sick. My visiting has afforded many opportunities for heart-to-heart talks, prayer, and Bible-reading. One young woman, ill with pellagra, with a little four-year-old daughter, was found in May without a home or money. The child was placed in our Methodist Orphanage at Jackson, and the mother in a local hospital. After an operation and several months' treatment she is able to work, and is again self-supporting.

A number of visits have been made to the charity wards of the hospital, a number of nights spent with the sick, and a number of funerals have been arranged for.

For some unexplainable reason our clinic has not done so well as last year. One hundred and twenty-three patients have been treated, and three have been placed in the hospital. The night school has not been the success that we would like; but faithful work has been done, and I believe it will bear fruit. Some of our pupils have made real progress. One young man said he could not have held his position last year if it had not been for his work in our night school. The school closed in

June with a public entertainment, including a program by the pupils and a good program of moving pictures and music. At the beginning of the fall term I was assisted by the pastor of Seventh Avenue Church. The first of November Miss Womack came and took charge of the school. At this time we moved the school from the Wesley House to the public school building, where we occupy two rooms.

In May I attended the Home Mission Conference at Brookhaven, Miss.

Miss Olive Lipscomb, a foreign mission volunteer, offered her services for the months of June and July. She entered heartily into the work, and gave beautiful service. Her lovely voice was enjoyed by all; and for these two months the Wesley House was the social center of the community.

Our library is small, but the books are eagerly read by our young people. Some of them have read every book we have suited to their ages. One hundred and sixty-six have been loaned during the year.

The sewing school is in fine condition. The children are doing splendid work, and never seem to tire of it.

Our cottage prayer meetings are resulting in much good.

My Sunday school class has increased from five to seventeen. They are such fine boys, and I want them for the Master. Two of them have been converted during the year, and six of the pupils of our night school have been converted.

All the clubs and classes were suitably entertained at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The sum of \$168.43 has been expended for relief, and a number of cases have been turned over to the Associated Charities.

Miss Womack gives the following report of her work: "Our night school has an enrollment of forty, with three teachers. The attendance has been fairly good, considering the unusually bad weather. A story hour was started the first of December, with an enrollment of twenty. My class of young ladies at Seventh Avenue Church is organized and doing good work. Besides the club work, it has been my privilege to enter many homes in the community in cases of sickness and sorrow."

MOBILE, ALA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Stella Womack, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Salina Monohan, Deaconess.

Since beginning work here the middle of last June we have encountered many difficulties and obstacles; but He who said, "Fear not; I will help thee," has helped us to overcome many of them. He has indeed made the crooked place straight and the rough place smooth in more than one instance. During the long, hot summer it was not possible to do regular work, though our time was well taken up with getting acquainted with the field and answering emergency calls. These took us to the sick and needy in the homes, the hospitals, and the jail. For ten days we had an emergency day nursery for children whose mothers were sick and unable to have them cared for elsewhere. We also assisted a number of deserted mothers to find employment for themselves or children. Wife desertion is alarmingly common in Mobile, and the number of unfortunate girls is even more alarming. With these we have put forth much effort, having had three in the home. One of these we placed in an institution. Another young girl who was in danger in her own home was sent to us for protection till the danger had passed.

Miss Monohan came to the work in September as district nurse, and has assisted in some of the organized work of the winter. Miss Hartwell also came December 1 to take charge of the young people's work.

She has also the children's Sunday afternoon story hour and assists in many ways. We have also had valuable assistance from Mrs. De Pont, our housekeeper, who is greatly interested in all the activities of the home. From the Churches we have secured nine regular volunteer helpers for the sewing school, the kitchen garden, and the mothers' club.

Our night school, which is necessarily small, is composed of working boys and girls who are using the opportunity for self-improvement in a gratifying manner.

Much time is given to friendly visiting in the homes, and we feel that perhaps no better work is done than that which is done in the home through personal contact.

We are not doing great things in Mobile, and our work has not reached the standard we would like it to reach; but we are trying to be faithful to that which has been committed into our hands.

Miss Selina Monohan writes:

"By request of the Y. W. C. A., my Bible class with the girls has been continued this winter. We have finished studying the Pentateuch, and are now ready to commence Stalker's 'Life of St. Paul.' The class has been an untold pleasure, and we believe that God is going to get to himself definite workers from the class. They are all working girls, but they have pledged twenty dollars toward the new settlement home. In the Bible work we planned a continuous course in the study of 'The Women of the Bible' for our mothers' club. We have deviated from it some as seemed wisest and best. The Bible lessons given during the Jubilees and in the home and foreign mission societies have been a great pleasure.

"District nursing has not been pushed vigorously for two reasons—first, because of the inadequacy of the clinic, and, secondly, because of other duties. But for all that we feel that a beginning has been made. The doctors are in great sympathy with the work. We believe that when we have the new building we shall have success.

"During the summer the mothers' club was at a very low ebb for several reasons. In the fall we reorganized. At each meeting we have tried to embody three elements—spiritual, educational, and social. We have had ministers, doctors, and educators along different lines. They have responded beautifully. The club has steadily grown. We often have twenty-five or thirty present—workers, visitors, and children not included—and an average attendance of eighteen mothers. We have ten cents per month dues.

"The kitchen garden, or little housekeepers' class, is something entirely new in Mobile. We have a most enthusiastic little class. It has been very gratifying to follow into the homes and see the lessons put into practical application. At Christmas a friend gave us ten dollars to give them a party, and we gave them a little two-course luncheon, served in the most approved style. We had the room and little tables beautifully decorated. In the center of each table was a small tree, and at each plate a tiny tree. Their joy was complete when we told them they were to carry home as souvenirs the dainty little chocolate cups they were drinking from and the tiny tree. After Christmas we went into a very poor home and found the little table set in the middle of the floor. The child had used everything she could find to make it look like the party. We believe these lessons will go with them all through life.

MOBILE, ALA., DUMAS INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Miss Dora Hoover, Head Resident.

As we look back over our past year's work, we see many things for which to be thankful. Our Sunday school is now doing its best work. Many of the pupils attend regularly, and are interested in their lessons. The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school was not only a source of much pleasure to the children, but also to the mothers. When the songs and recitations were over, Santa Claus distributed the gifts, which had been bountifully provided by some of the Churches of Mobile.

The best young people of the community are regular attendants upon our Friday evening Bible class, and are deeply interested in the study of God's Word.

During the past year we have placed one girl in our Vashti School, at Thomasville, Ga., and one boy in an industrial school at Camp Hill, Ala.; also three girls in an industrial school at Brewton, Ala. This has not only meant much to them, but to the community also; for it has been the means of awakening many to see the needs of an education.

Those who attend our night school are doing splendid work; but many of them are only in the first and second grades, although they are sixteen or eighteen years of age.

Our small library affords much pleasure to those who can read well enough to appreciate the books. We have also been able to reach through the library families whom we could reach in no other way.

We have organized a sewing circle; but owing to the lack of volunteer help, it has not accomplished what it otherwise would have done.

We have also organized a boys' club, which is now doing well under the leadership of Miss Lillie Hartwell.

The moral condition of the community is much improved, and the future is full of hope.

NASHVILLE, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Bessie Allen, Head Resident; Miss Sue Herrick, Kindergartner.

In our Wesley House this year we have had some shadows but more sunshine, some discouragements but much to encourage, some failures but more successes, some heartaches but more joys. So as we look back over the past ten months, we can truly say: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Our home was closed for two and a half months last summer, during which time I taught two Mission Study Classes—one at the Bon Aqua Springs Epworth League Conference and one in my home town.

Although we were late in organizing our clubs and classes, their growth in attendance and interest has been gratifying, and we believe there has been progress along all lines. Our mothers' club and sewing school have been especially successful this year. Our average attendance has been fine, and our Bible lessons in the mothers' club have been particularly helpful, and have done much to promote an interest in individual study of the Bible.

The children's story hour and kitchen garden class, under the direction of the young ladies of the Methodist Training School, have been quite a success.

We have been made to rejoice in seeing some of our young people from our Sunday school class and clubs converted and taken into the Church. Two in our mothers' club were also added to the Church. There are many more for whom we are praying; for while we try to

minister to the physical, mental, and social needs of our community, we feel that it will all be in vain if they are not spiritually benefited. So pray for us, dear friends, that we may measure up to our responsibilities.

Our kindergartner, Miss Sue Herrick, has the following to say of her work: "We have a most delightful kindergarten. Children from varied classes come to us. A very few come from clean, well-kept homes; others from those as poorly kept as one would find in any district. Upon coming to us many of our children have no idea of self-control, but in a short time their development is marvelous. For example, I have in mind a child of whom his mother made this remark: 'Yes, my boy can go to the kindergarten. I'll be so glad to get rid of him; but I know you can't manage him, because I can't myself.' After three months of training this same child is often held up to other children as an example of obedience. When we note such improvement as this in our kindergarten, it gives us courage to push forward and expect still greater changes for good in the lives of our little ones."

PORTSMOUTH, VA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Nannette Hudson, Deaconess.

As I look back on the ten months that make up the fiscal year, I realize as never before the many opportunities that exist for our work in Portsmouth. The sewing school, lunch room, Sunday afternoon story hour, and night school have all been in good condition, and have accomplished much of real value. Our one new feature is the mothers' club, which was opened late in the fall, and it has had the most flattering prospects for future interest and usefulness.

Much of my time during the first six months was spent indoors, as conditions were such that much of the actual housekeeping fell to me. During the past four months, however, I have organized the different activities, and have been more in the homes of my people.

The thing that has brought me the greatest joy during the year was the privilege of helping to place one of our girls in Vashti. She needed a chance to improve, and has shown that she was worthy by the change in her life, which has been marked since she has been there.

In March a new Church was organized not far from the Wesley House, and I assumed the place of Superintendent of the Primary Department in the Sunday school. The hours spent with the little children there have been among the happiest during the year.

Our work is showing such flattering prospects that our Board is working toward a new building that will be adequate for our needs. Already we have more than a thousand dollars subscribed and two lots donated, so we feel sure of being in our new home in a few months.

RICHMOND, KY.

Miss Edith Leighty, Deaconess.

Since coming to Richmond I have felt more as if I were taking another year of training than actually doing the work of a deaconess. There is so much to be learned about the work in general as I sit with Miss Bennett and get a broader view of the great field as a whole, and I realize that a great privilege is mine. One thing that has been a very great joy to me is the little work I have been able to do among the young people. The State Normal for Eastern Kentucky is located in Richmond, and within its halls are nearly a thousand splendid young men and women, many of them from the mountains of Kentucky. It

has been my privilege to be the leader of the Bible study in their Y. W. C. A. organization this winter, and we have been studying the book of St. John, and have enjoyed our work together. Then, too, I have the training class in our Sunday school, which is made up largely of young men and women from the normal. In addition to the regular Sunday school lesson, we are taking Dr. Hamill's Standard Teacher-Training Course, and have a class of earnest young people, eager to be equipped for the very best teaching.

There are a great many poor people in our little city, many of whom have come down from the mountains, are very illiterate, and need help very much indeed. A great deal has been done for them from time to time, but largely by individuals. We have now effected an organization known as the Coöperation of Churches for Social Service, four of the leading denominations of the town entering into it. The name adopted shows very clearly its purpose, and we are hoping that by a close coöperation on the part of the Christians of the town we may be able really to do something which will be of permanent help to the people. I have been appointed field agent for the organization, and give at least two days per week to this work. My time has been spent visiting among the people, getting acquainted, finding out their needs, and trying to make plain the need of system and order in such work. I love this visiting among "my people," and already it has been my joy to see some souls turn from darkness into light as I have gone from home to home.

RICHMOND, VA., METHODIST INSTITUTE.

Miss Hattie Gray Sellers, Deaconess.

On account of the fire in January the work continued during the spring under many difficulties and with much discomfort to workers and classes. The larger clubs were held in the Sunday school rooms of Trinity Church. This caused our Jewish members to drop out entirely, and the attendance generally fell, because the church was outside the district. Despite all of this, our closing exercises on the second of June were a success. By meeting several times a week, four girls practically covered a four-year course in two and a half years, and their graduation was the event of the evening. Quite a pretty picture they made in their dainty white dresses made by themselves, with arms full of flowers and faces white with the excitement of the moment as they marched in to receive their diplomas.

We also did some dramatic work with the children during this last year, hoping in this way to raise a fund for our summer camps. The children gave two or three simple plays, and made possible a ten days' camp for fourteen boys and girls at Buckroe Beach, on the Chesapeake Bay. This outing and salt-water bathing were restful and invigorating; they so won the girls as to become the topic of all conversation and the final end of all plans in our club meetings this year. The summer camp is to become a permanent feature of our work.

In September, 1912, we moved to our new quarters on Nineteenth Street. Truly blessings are sometimes veiled in seeming disasters; for the fire, which appeared a calamity, caused the growth of a plant from \$11,000 to \$31,000. We now have two splendid buildings centrally located, and they are being adequately equipped for the work. All classes are comfortably provided for, and some new features have been added. We are encouraged by the increased interest on the part of our constituents; our volunteer helpers have more than doubled in number.

The Kindergarten Training School of this city desired a kindergarten in this section. We also wanted one, but had hesitated because we did not want to duplicate the work of the day nursery next door. Upon investigation we found the fear without grounds, and through the Training School we have been able to run this department ever since the first of October. It is in charge of a graduate of the Richmond Training School, and she is assisted by two students.

Through the Physical Department of the Y. W. C. A. we have been able to secure a trained director for our gymnasium. In our new quarters we have a large basement room used exclusively for this work and piano lessons. It is interesting to see how the old idea of the abuse of the body must go hand in hand with spiritual development. The woman's club is held in the same building on the floor above on the same night as the gymnasium.

The Methodist Church in Fulton, a suburb of Richmond, wanted to start some other work for the children and young people of its congregation. There was a decided leaning toward industrial work, so a sewing school was started for the children and a sewing and embroidery club organized for young women, which are to be conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Institute. Very little visiting has been done in this new field. The population is a substantial working class of people, who realize their limitations and are seeking opportunities for self-betterment.

I would like to tell you of one of my girls, a product of the Institute, and how I have rejoiced in the existence of our home mission schools. She is of a type that many workers have found—a type that brings us all close to the Master's feet. Three years ago this girl was found living in a dark, damp basement with her father and mother, and was asked to come to our classes. She came, was very regular, and did her work well. Through the coöperation of relatives we finally persuaded the family to move out of their horrible quarters into a respectable and clean tenement. Annie continued with us, faithful and loyal, was converted and joined the Church, and was one of our first graduates in the Industrial Department. Later her mother ignorantly took a girl of bad character to board. For the next three months Annie's fall appeared to be the aim of the new boarder. At first progress was slow, for Annie did not like the girl. The parents fully trusted this stranger, believed the pitiful tale she told of her hard struggle for work and no relatives, and insisted on their child going out with her. She commenced to lure Annie to places of a suspicious character. Soon Annie stopped coming to us, and we would see her frequently on the street dressed in decidedly bad style. We appealed to the parents to dismiss this girl, but they ignorantly refused. We learned that if we could definitely prove that the parents were subjecting their child to immoral influences we could take her away from them, so we got the police to take the matter up. Just at this point Annie's grandmother succeeded in scaring the parents into giving us control of the child. In less than a week we sent her to Brevard, and so far her reports are most encouraging. We feel that it is no exaggeration to say that if we had not been able to intervene when we did in less than six months Annie would have been lost in the whirl of the under world. Now she is giving us every promise of developing into a useful Christian woman.

RICHMOND, VA., THE WILSON.

Mrs. M. L. Stone, Head Resident.

The Wilson (named for Bishop Wilson) was formally opened with a reception October 30, 1911. The reception was somewhat different from

the usual formal ones, as every invited guest was expected to send or bring either money or something with which to furnish the home. There was a nice program arranged for the evening, and quite a number of guests were present; but those on the program failed to put in their appearance, perhaps because of a mistake in the printed date on the invitations. The evening passed very pleasantly, however, and the home was made very much more comfortable by the donations.

At present the home is furnished very comfortably, and has quite a homelike appearance. We have fourteen boarders, which lacks only two of reaching the number to which we are limited by the capacity of the building. The object is to furnish a home with Christian influence for girls who work in tobacco factories and are shut in from ten to eleven hours per day and six days in the week, except Saturday afternoon, breathing only the close air, heavily laden with the fumes and dust of tobacco. With no religious influence thrown around them in their boarding houses, and feeling the need of a little more sleep and rest and fresh air and sunshine on Sundays, not many of them avail themselves of Church privileges; therefore there is nothing to lift their thoughts heavenward or make them know there is anything higher and better for which to live.

As the home is only for those who believe that "a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches" and are trying to live above reproach, we have had to reject many; and many applicants, after learning the character and object of The Wilson, never enter. The following incident will give an idea of how jealously the girls here guard the reputation and object of the organization. A girl entered whose reputation was not at all enviable, and some of the girls had heard of it. You will have to imagine our surprise and chagrin on entering a room one evening to find a regular "kangaroo court" in session. The new girl was in the center as the criminal, looking like one already condemned, while the others were trying the case. The verdict had been rendered and the sentence written out before we entered, but had not been read. We had to tell them that we appreciated their interest in the home, but they had gone beyond their jurisdiction, and that kind of work must be left hereafter for the investigating committee.

We furnish heat and light, hot and cold water for baths, room, and board for the small sum of \$2.25 and \$2.50, according to the room, per week.

We have not been able up to this time to get the home as well disciplined as the home in Waco. The Board has not furnished the rules thus far, so we are like a ship at sea without chart or compass, trusting alone to appeals to keep things on the right line. We are striving to hold religious ideals up to the lives of these girls and win them to Christ.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Miss Ella Bowden, Deaconess.

More than four months ago I came to San Antonio to begin work under the direction of the newly organized City Mission Board. My work has been mainly that of getting acquainted and adjusted. From the time of my appointment to San Antonio my prayer was that God would go before me and prepare the way and the people for my coming. I have been given a glad welcome. God has given me an entrance into the hearts of the people and my short stay here has been delightful. My work is truly pioneer work, being mainly that of trying to arouse interest in city mission work. Some time has been spent in visiting societies and different organizations in our own

Churches, which number eight, addressing them in the interest of the work we hope to do here. Some general work of visiting the sick and the poor has been done. It was a great joy to deliver some eight or nine baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

San Antonio is a city of one hundred thousand people, the Mexicans numbering thirty thousand. It is not a manufacturing town, and has no settlement center other than the Mexican neighborhood. Here is San Antonio's biggest problem. Conditions here are different from those of other cities and many things must be considered before putting our whole time in this work. The Mexican element has grown with the town and did not come on a tidal wave of immigration as do foreigners in other cities. Hence the indifference of the people toward this work. I believe that God is opening up the way for a great work with this people. My predecessor started a sewing class for Mexican girls last year. We have organized that class with renewed forces. I doubt if any deaconess can report a finer band of volunteer workers than we have in the Travis Park Philathea Class. We have an average of thirteen present each week, with an enrollment of one hundred and fifteen Mexican girls, from nine to fourteen years of age. Never have I seen among any children such enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. It is an inspiration to us each lesson day to do our best. We have the story hour and the song service opening with prayer. We cannot look into those bright, upturned faces without wondering just whom we are teaching and not without a prayer that God will raise up some to be a wonderful blessing to their own people. The Philathea Class had a beautiful Christmas tree for these children, giving one hundred and thirty nice presents. The variety of work here has been restful and I am praising God more every day that he has given me, even me, a place to do definite work in his kingdom.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Frances Scott, Head Resident; Miss Ellen Vaughan, Kindergarten Teacher.

Two years and nine months ago the City Mission Board of St. Joseph, Mo., was organized, with four of our Southern Methodist Churches represented. There was no definite plan of work. These women knew that they had a work to do, and were willing to be used in whatever way the Master of the vineyard found best. They asked for a trained worker to make a systematic study of the city, its needy territory, and help organize and establish a working plan.

In October, 1909, the Wesley House was opened for day nursery work and a neighborhood center. Success seems to have been the result of this enterprise of faith on the part of our women. The work was carried on for nearly two years in a house far too small and inadequate for our work. Last September the City Mission Board secured the present location—a splendidly built house, well arranged for our work, modern in every way. The Board furnished the house comfortably. We are prepared now to handle in a way both beneficial and pleasant a large number of children. In our nursery we now have enrolled thirty-eight, with an average attendance of twenty-five; in the kindergarten an enrollment of twenty-five, with an average attendance of twenty. Our mothers' clubs and boys and girls' industrial work are not well organized, and but little has been done so far, because of lack of workers.

The relief field work and visiting, as well as the larger field work

of interesting and enlisting our people in the work, coöperating with other social forces and seeking to organize our charities, have kept the Head Resident busy these months. We are in a field where the question of dealing with the unemployed has to be met. The packing houses have afforded only short work for several months, hence many families are in bad circumstances. During December, 1911, we answered calls from two hundred and eighty-nine families.

We are gratified that the Master has given us the power to do this work, and that our House has become recognized as a place where help and advice may be found. Our employment work, the securing of free service from the medical men and visiting nurse, and the house visitation have been the means of entrance into a large number of lives. Our Slavic neighbors are very hard to reach, but when once reached are very susceptible to our ministry. We are praying that we may be allowed the privilege of opening the Bible, yet a closed book to them, and of bringing them in touch with a risen Lord. The Catholic Church has a strong hold upon them.

ST. LOUIS, MO., KINGDOM HOUSE.

Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Cora Borchers, Deaconess; Miss Rosa Breeden, Deaconess; Miss Sarah Louder.

City Missionary: Miss Clara Stotzer, District Nurse;

Mrs. Anna Ehrengart, House Mother.

Although a short year, it has been eventful. Our work has had more stability because we have been permitted to keep the same workers and their value to our work greatly increases every year. There has been a stream of visitors from within and without the city. This has been the result of a social awakening, which has reacted on Kingdom House. We have continued almost all the features of other years and have added new activities. Many of our clubs and classes close in the month of May and other work is taken up during the summer months. Our playground is open day and night for three summer months. This year we added new outdoor games. The croquet grounds attracted the old and young. During the hottest weather, when it was impossible to sleep in the crowded tenements, the yard was opened, and large boys and men were allowed to sleep on benches. Some of our young electricians wired the grounds, so we were enabled to have them well lighted at small expense. A summer feeding clinic was added to our regular dispensary. It was one of the best attended clinics in the city. A laboratory has recently been added by means of which we will be able to do thorough work, making our own blood tests, etc. An evening dispensary for women is our newest feature. It is a god-send to the factory district. This entire work is under the Washington University and is well manned. We are giving special attention to physical training of young women. The instructor coöperates with our nurse and doctors. One of our best features is our neighborhood parlor. Several workers act as hostesses and we have between fifty and sixty young people each evening. We have a surprising number of boys and young men. One department sprung into existence almost before we were aware of it. It is the employment bureau. It has untold possibilities.

Our annual Labor Day carnival is a great social success. We had open house Thanksgiving Day. A match game of basket ball in the afternoon attracted general interest in the neighborhood. At Christmas every group was remembered. Through the generosity of our friends

we sent dinner to four hundred and twenty-five persons. On the whole I feel that character building has resulted from the year's labor. Some have learned to think for others and to work for a better community. We realize that there is nothing like the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ to develop people along altruistic lines and we are daily thankful that ours is a Christian social work.

Miss Breeden, in charge of the Boys' Club, writes: "If there was joy during the first year in the newness of things, and in the finding of a place of service, there is more joy in being 'home folks' this year, and in seeing the strengthening of the work. We feel that the Boys' Department is more substantially organized than it has ever been before. We have had two hundred and sixty-eight boys enrolled this year, but not all of that number in attendance at any given time. In the autumn we had a good deal of outdoor afternoon play in football, basket ball, and Rugby. During the winter, besides our regular work of last year, such as basketry, carpentry, cobbling, gymnasium, etc., we have such new features as boxing, open game room every night, Glee Club, and Aëroplane Club, with a troop of Boy Scouts. The young men's Glee Club has done some very good work, and really enabled us to give the Christmas entertainment in this department. These young men sat that night in a semicircle on the platform, announced the program, and contributed largely to its success with their recitations, solos, quartets, and choruses. Of course the small boys had their part in harp and piano solos, recitations, Whistling Club choruses, and a gymnasium drill. The latest effort is a Dramatic Club for the young men which is to be self-governing, yet coöperative with the workers at all times. We see them gradually growing upward. We see the ideals being raised, bad habits being broken, families being built up and strengthened, lives being saved, and all along the way, as the joy deepens in our hearts we say that all the work, worry, sacrifice, love, and prayers expended are really worth while."

Miss Cora Borchers writes: "Our Sunday school, with an enrollment of four hundred and sixty-five, is one of the live, throbbing activities of our work. Such splendid interest and attention are given by every pupil. The twenty-four boys in my Junior Baraca Class are a real joy to me, and my one desire is that they may 'know Him.' Quite a large number have been received into the Church. The Christmas exercises rounded up a good year's work in this department. We have had a daily average of fifteen in our day nursery. It is very interesting to hear these little tots tell the Bible story that has been read to them the previous morning, and all lisp in unison the Lord's Prayer. Ninety per cent of the children received have been deserted by their father, who has usually been a drinking man. We have a most interesting class of twelve boys in basketry who are doing beautiful work. No small portion of our time has been given in helping others to find employment, and in many instances we have been used of God to help them find their Saviour, too. Our Noonday Lunch Club is proving a great blessing to the large number of factory girls who attend. They bring their lunch and we serve them coffee or tea for one cent and milk for two cents. As we look about us on every side and see so much sin and sorrow, we feel a note of sadness stealing into our hearts, but the joy that comes through being counted worthy to be used of God, to carry even a ray of sunshine into those poor hearts and homes that are so blighted by sin, cannot be expressed."

Miss Sarah K. Louder writes: "The year 1911 stands out in the

history of the Girls' and Young Women's Department at Kingdom House as a year of hard work, but much attainment. Through our various clubs and classes, a greater number and a larger variety of girls and young women have been touched and influenced for good than in any previous year. For instance, in our different clubs and classes the enrollment has been almost doubled and a larger number of factory girls have been influenced to join our classes. We now have nineteen volunteer teachers for this department, which is another indication that our work has grown. These teachers are principally from the Y. W. C. A. and School of Social Economy. Our Physical Director is from the last named, and is giving her entire time and thought to the study of physical education of young women. Each applicant for physical culture is given an examination by her, and if necessary, is referred to our trained nurse and physician for consultation and treatment. In sewing, we have an enrollment of ninety. A course in plain needle work and dressmaking is given the children. In the spring, we have an exhibit of the work of the entire school, and to those completing the course diplomas are given. In Domestic Science we have had eight classes, with an enrollment of eight hundred. A course in plain cookery is given each class, which, when completed, gives each one a practical knowledge of this science, which is invaluable to every girl. In housekeeping and kitchen garden, we have had fifty girls. This work is the foundation of better homes. The home is the hope of our country, so that we feel that its place and importance in the plan of our work can scarcely be overestimated. During the past year six hundred books have been loaned from our circulating library and several hundred magazines have been given out. We have received subscriptions for fifteen different magazines besides many splendid gifts of books. A portion of my time is spent in visiting the homes of the community. I feel that some of my best work is in reinstating submerged families, for many of them, after coming to church, have found a new purpose in life."

SPARTANBURG, S. C., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mary Hanscom, Head Resident; Miss Nan Cunningham, City Missionary.

Having arrived here late in August, we can give a report of but four months' work. As both workers were strangers, much time has been spent in getting acquainted, studying the field, and arranging the policy for our work. We are delighted with our fine new Wesley House, and the mill village, so new to us, is very interesting. We are grateful for the way in which the former workers prepared the way for us. As the Wesley House is the only one in South Carolina, we have found many interested in it, in the various conferences we have been privileged to attend. The day nursery is small, but much needed, although we find it something of a problem without a matron. The supper class of young women, where cooking and serving are taught, is very popular and we could fill several classes if we had the time for them. Our Boys' Club and the story hour, managed by volunteer helpers, are well attended. We have attempted a Mothers' Club, but as yet have not been very successful. The library is well equipped and children, young people, and adults enjoy it and take advantage of it. The night school, manned by Wofford College students, is attended by earnest young people and is one of the joys of our heart.

On Sunday we work in Duncan Methodist Church. We have a Sun-

day school class of young men, several of whom were converted during a recent revival and were admitted to the Church. On Sunday afternoon we have in charge the Junior League, which is well attended. These various features, together with visiting, receiving calls, attending meetings, etc., have kept our hands and our hearts full, and we feel that God has indeed accepted the offering of our life for service.

Miss Cunningham reports as follows for her department: "The sewing school is composed of girls from six to sixteen years of age. Most of the older ones work in the mill all week; and on Saturday afternoon, when they are free, they take advantage of this opportunity to learn to sew. After the opening devotional exercises, they demonstrate the stitches they learn by making some practical article. A well-made sewing bag was passed around the room for inspection and the girl was justly proud of it. Another said: 'I will not show this piece, but I will make the next one so you can see it.' In the girls' cooking class not only cooking but sewing and table etiquette are taught. For really practical experience they prepared and served refreshments for an Epworth League social. I teach a class of young women in the Sunday school in Duncan Methodist Church and God has richly blessed our labors in it. Ten have professed conversion and those who were not members have united with the Church. As a result of this revival, the girls asked for a prayer meeting. Some who have led these meetings have never before attempted to read aloud in their own homes, but have expressed a desire to be able to help others. Here they make requests and unite their prayers for their unsaved friends. Their difficulties in personal work are discussed and aid given as far as possible. Two nights a week band practice is held, at which time the game rooms are open to the public for a social time. One young man said: 'You have no idea how much good you are doing in giving the young people a good place to spend their evenings.' Having games in the library has been a means of interesting some in reading good books. I assist in library work, in Epworth League, in caring for the children in the nursery, and do visiting."

TAMPA, FLA., WESLEY HOUSE.

*Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Head Resident; Miss Zaidie Royalty, Deaconess;
Miss Eva Dorton, Kindergartner.*

On August 1 the Wesley House made a beginning, though laboring against the usual hindrances. The Churches in Tampa, especially the First Church, have helped some in the furnishing, and others have promised to help. We are a comfortable family with one end in view, *i. e.*, to be neighborly, to bring people to Jesus. The people are very responsive to neighborly overtures, but none too quick to receive the gospel. Our night school is a most hopeful field, with a fine set of young men who like music and our social meetings. The League and prayer meetings have been held in our schoolrooms five times on account of inclement weather. Our greatest need is to "Be not weary in well-doing," for the opportunity is here larger than we can grasp. The living of one's life is worth so much if we are not too impatient of immediate results.

Miss Royalty is the best Spanish pupil I have ever taught, and really has quite a command of the language, which is a joy. She writes: "The work among the foreign people of our land has always appealed to me in a peculiar way, and the Lord has been good to me in permit-

ting me to labor among men. My former work among the foreigners showed me the necessity of learning the language of the people one wishes to serve. In spite of the difficulty of the language, it is a pleasure to work among them. The study of the language has been a pleasure, too, and the people have seemed so pleased when I have tried to speak to them in their own tongue. From one to four hours daily have been spent in studying Spanish, the remainder being given to various duties: visiting, receiving visits, teaching in night school, playing for the devotional exercises at the school, attendance at religious services held in the chapel. I have taught regularly a class of Cuban girls, ranging from eleven to fifteen years, in the Sunday school and have the same girls in a sewing club. A Spanish W. C. T. U. silver medal contest was held in November, each of the five mission schools among the Spanish-speaking people having two contestants, and a temperance song. I had the pleasure of drilling the children for the song and attending the contest with them. The night school has enrolled twenty-two since the opening of the Wesley House; all are boys and young men from the cigar factories, which furnish the principal employment for the people of West Tampa. After the lessons are finished, they like to have music and singing, and have learned several songs and hymns in English and Spanish. The young people often gather on Sunday evenings to sing before going to the regular service. A social gathering was arranged for Halloween, and in spite of a rainy day a number came and enjoyed the games."

Miss Dorton is most diligent in the kindergarten, assisted by Maria Mesa. Miss Dorton writes: "I began work on September 4 with sixteen children. I now have fifty-two enrolled. My hours in the classroom are from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The afternoon I give to visiting in the Cuban homes. Friday afternoons I have a kitchen garden class of fifteen."

We have had assistance from Miss Virginia Ragland and from Miss Hettenhauser.

THURBER, TEX., MARSTON HALL.

Miss Mary Wood, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Susie Mitchell, Missionary; Miss Ethel Read, Kindergarten.

As I have been here only four months, it is impossible to give an adequate report of the work. There was a complete change of workers, even a new pastor, and everything had to be reorganized. We have been most kindly received by these people, as well as by the members of several Home Mission Societies, in other places where I have been invited to report the work here. Thurber is a coal mining camp; everything is owned and operated by the Texas Pacific Coal Mining Company. The company furnish our building (which they remodeled two years ago) with water, coal, wood, electric lights, all free of rent. They coöperate with us in everything that is for the betterment of the camp.

Marston Hall is well equipped for settlement work, and is the social center of the community. The public library is in our building. It was given by Mr. Marston, the president of the mines. It is well patronized, as is the reading room in connection with it, which is well supplied with many of the best magazines, current periodicals, and several of our Church organs. The largest brick plant in the State is also located in Thurber. These two industries (mining and brick-

making) furnish employment for all. Good salaries are paid. There are almost no cases of real destitution. Our work is supported by the Central Texas Conference. This year the Conference has charge of the foreign day school; so we have had to do without a kindergarten teacher for the house, but we have the promise of a teacher next year. In order to understand the needs of the people, I felt that I must first become acquainted, so much of my time has been given to friendly visiting. The American Sunday school is under my direction. The problem has been to find teachers who were interested and competent; at last we are supplied.

The Sunday school is growing in interest and numbers. We feel deeply the responsibility, as we realize the children are the hope of the Church, the foundation upon which we must build. Far too many of the grown people make religion a secondary consideration. I also teach in the foreign Sunday school, which is a real joy. We who have been accustomed to the Bible stories from infancy can little realize what the stories mean to a child hearing them for the first time and see the bright look with which some new truth is comprehended. We also have a sewing school for the little girls of the foreign day school. The teacher and city missionary assist me.

One feature of my work which I especially enjoy is a Bible class in a part of the city where the people almost never attend church. I am praying that some souls may be reached in this way who otherwise might not hear the message of salvation. Each day is a new beginning, with many duties to fill heart and hands; but I count it a privilege to labor here where the fields are white already unto the harvest.

Miss Mitchell writes:

"My report covers only four months, as I began my work here September 1, 1911. Thurber has a population of between eight and ten thousand, about three-fourths of which are foreigners; two-thirds of the foreigners are Italians, and my work is with these foreigners. I visit in the homes in the mornings and assist in the school in the afternoon.

"Our day school for foreign children, with Miss Ethel Read as teacher, opened on the 18th of September with six pupils; but the school grew so rapidly that we soon found that we must have more room. The company kindly consented to put up a new building, and on the 5th of November we moved into the new building. We now have an enrollment of sixty-four, and the attendance is more regular than it has ever been before.

"Formerly the foreign Sunday school was held at Marston Hall; but as the school building is located in the center of the foreign population, we felt that the attendance would be increased if we met there, and the attendance has increased from about twelve to fifty-two. The first of the year we graded the Sunday school, using the new International Graded Lessons.

"The night school for the Italian men is a new feature in our work; this is held three nights of each week. Miss Read assists me with this, and the men are so interested and eager to learn that it is a great inspiration to teach them. I have a class in kitchen garden, which the little Italian and Mexican girls enjoy very much. I also have charge of the library and reading room. Our library, which contains fifteen hundred volumes, was given to us by the company, and the President, Mr. Marston, sends us a number of new books each year. We have a number of the best periodicals in our reading room. The work here is very interesting and we enjoy it."

WACO, TEX., REBECCA SPARKS CO-OPERATIVE HOME.

Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess, Head Resident.

As it becomes my duty to close the records of another year's work, I am reminded of the striking contrast with the work done in previous years. I did not find it easy to turn aside from my loved work with parents and little children and take up another line of work of which I practically knew nothing. But after my six weeks' study and investigation in Chicago and New York concerning the working girl, I became very enthusiastic and began to feel perhaps it was the *most* important of all the work of our women for women. I am more and more convinced each day of the need for it.

My report covers only five months, as I did not reach my appointment until August. My predecessor, having been ill, had been gone from the Home something like five months. Naturally the situation was not an encouraging one when I took charge. There was something like \$200 indebtedness for Home expenses. The furnishings were run down, and on the whole the outlook demanded a steady uplook for which we needed patience and courage.

There has been an average of about twenty-five residents during the past ten months. At present we have twenty-eight, which are as many as we can comfortably take care of. The young ladies have paid into the treasury \$3,800.40.

The amount of board charged has been raised from \$2.50 to \$3 and \$3.50, according as the young lady is able to pay. This was necessary in order to be self-supporting.

The aim has not been to gain in numbers and finances, but an effort to broaden the vision, deepen the consecration, and develop both the intellectual and spiritual life. To this end we are working steadily but slowly. A reading room has been furnished and made attractive with good literature. A blank book for quotations is encouraging many to preserve for future thought and reference the beautiful and helpful thoughts of others. For our spiritual growth, added to our family worship night and morning, are the Bible verses on Sunday morning; also a weekly Bible class.

As I look upon these young women, many of them so strong, so hopeful, so self-reliant, I wonder what might have been the outcome had the Church failed to put her arms about them when they needed it most. It is not all beautiful. There arise many perplexing problems, but what work that is worth while is easy? I only know I have heard a voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it," and I am entering the new year full of hope and courage, attempting great things for God and expecting great things of him.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Florence Blackwell, Deaconess, Head Resident.

Unabated interest characterizes our sewing school. This will close our fourth year in this department, and we will have several graduates in May. These girls are looking forward to the time when they can become teachers, and we expect to have some excellent help from them next year. A number have almost completed the course, but have had to go to work and are not now able to attend.

The boys in the basket class have also done good work. They meet with the sewing school girls for the opening and closing exercises, and we find this an excellent plan.

The night school, which has been carried on for just a year, has

proved a great success. We have enrolled a large number of pupils since the beginning. A great many have dropped out; but we have now a regular attendance of about thirty, nearly all of whom have been in the school from the first. Some of the pupils show really wonderful progress. One boy who had never been to school before now reads well in the third reader. A girl who made perfect attendance during the four months last year and is this year going to day school was able to go up one class on account of the work done in our night school. Our volunteer workers in all departments are of the very best.

The day nursery was opened about two months ago, eleven children having been cared for. The mothers express very great appreciation of this department of our work.

Our supply department has been very helpful to the poor of the community, and has brought some revenue into the treasury. We have adopted the plan of selling garments for five or ten cents rather than giving them. This has been far more successful in every way than the old method. Other plans for the work have not as yet been fully realized, but we are reaching out to enlargement.

At the close of the sewing school and basketry class last May an automobile ride was given the children. Seventeen cars, loaned by friends of the work, carried children and teachers over the city, and for one hour all thoroughly enjoyed this treat.

The following Sunday night our closing exercises for all departments were held in Burkhead Institutional Church, next door to the Wesley House, where a large part of our work is done. These exercises consisted of a short program by the children and an address by Mr. C. H. Ireland, of Greensboro, N. C. It was quite an interesting sight when one hundred and fifty boys and girls, led by the President of the City Mission Board and the teachers, marched in and took the places assigned to them. The work of the children was on exhibition, and the visitors were enthusiastic over the results accomplished.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF WORK ENTERPRISED BY CITY MISSION BOARDS.

LOCATION.	HEAD RESIDENT.	Trained Workers.	Salvaged Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Children in Day Nursery.	Children in Kindergarten.	Number of Industrial Schools.	Children in Industrial Schools.	Students in Night Schools.	Number of Boys' Clubs.	Boys in Clubs.	Girls in Clubs.	Young People in Clubs.	Mothers in Mothers' Clubs.	Story Hour.	Parties in Play- series.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Meetings Conducted or Addressed.	Garments Given.	Papers and Tracts Distributed.	Persons in Reading Room.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Current Expenses for Maintenance of Work.	
Albany, Ga.	Miss Elizabeth Hughes.	1	1	10	1	1	58	58	191	3	60	9	40	35	817	817	4,915	58	23	186	28	112	58	\$ 210 00	
Asheville, N. C.	Miss Maybelle Marshall.	1	1	35	1	1	130	130	191	3	60	9	40	35	817	817	4,915	2,498	43	186	.....	1,034	70	\$ 5,143 90
Atlanta, Ga.	Miss Mary Daniel.	6	35	48	1	53	79	79	124	1	60	1	25	65	175	.....	3,882	1,350	30	520	3,580	275	70	2,255 94
Aurora, Ga.	Miss Jennie Ducker.	5	5	55	1	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore, Md.	Miss DeEtta Whitwell.	1	1	46	1	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham, Ala.	Miss Florida Dewar.	1	1	46	1	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomington, Ind.	Miss Myrtle Long.	1	1	11	1	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bristol, Tenn.	Miss Berta Thomas.	1	1	12	1	1	118	118	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas, Tex.	Miss Grace Hennessey.	1	1	12	1	1	34	34	1	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas, Tex.	Miss Rhoda Dracoo.	1	1	34	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Darlington, S. C.	Miss Mattie Dickson.	1	1	5	1	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dartmouth, Va.	Miss Annie Bass.	1	1	11	1	1	73	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Worth, Tex.	Miss Lillie Fox.	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Worth, Tex.	Miss Eugenia Smith.	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood, S. C.	Miss Lucy Eggs.	1	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houston, Tex.	Miss Annie Trawick.	4	4	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houston, Tex.	Miss Elizabeth Taylor.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City, Mo.	Miss May Ora Durham.	4	6	80	125	46	6	182	.....	9	125	4	71	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knoxville, Tenn.	Miss Evelyn Waddell.	1	1	1	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lead Belt, Mo.	Miss Annie Fagan.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Los Angeles, Cal.	Miss Maria Elliott.	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville, Ky.	Miss Ellen Galt.	4	5	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	122	1	20	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macon, Ga.	Mrs. F. M. Knowles.	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macon, Ga.	Mrs. Martha DuPre.	1	1	1	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Memphis, Tenn.	Miss Ethelyn Knapp.	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meridian, Miss.	Miss Alice Shesler.	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobile, Ala.	Miss Stella Womack.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobile, Ala.	Miss Dora Hoover.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nashville, Tenn.	Miss Bessie Allen.	1	3	27	40	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans, La.	Miss Margaret Ragland.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans, La.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans, La.	Miss Nanette Hudson.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Portsmouth, Va.	Miss Nanette Hudson.	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond, Va.	Miss Ellen Bowden.	1	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Antonio, Tex.	Miss Frances Scott.	1	1	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Joseph, Mo.	Miss Helen Gibson.	1	31	20	68	4	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis, Mo.	Mrs. Mary Hauscom.	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spartanburg, S. C.	Mrs. W. F. Alexander.	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tampa, Fla.	Mrs. Mary Wood.	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thurber, Tex.	Miss Ethel Jackson.	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waco, Tex.	Mrs. F. Blackwell.	1	1	20	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winston-Salem, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.	33 Boards.	77	107	394	404	649	48	2,331	821	51	850	37	519	407	670	539	5,290	48,746	30,979	1,198	7,201	15,570	4,152	2,956	\$46,851 33

REPORTS OF CHURCH DEACONESSSES.

ATLANTA, GA., WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Miss Carolyn Smith, Deaconess.

The closing sentence of last year's report, "My ideals are slowly becoming real," I give as the opening statement of this one. However, if they are slow, some are surely "becoming real," and it makes life more worth living. A parallel view of this and last year's report shows a few changes. Superintending the Sunday school department of young women practically confined my activities to that one phase of the work. At present I assist in the department by teaching the class of high school girls, which plan gives more time for extending work along other than Sunday school lines. These high school girls are very much interested in compiling their own harmony of the Gospels.

One very pleasant new feature is Saturday evening with the nurses in Wesley Memorial Hospital in Bible study and later in gymnasium. The various other groups in basket ball of last year have developed into a young women's athletic club, which is non-denominational. A difference is made in favor of communicants of this Church, which organization furnishes rooms and shower baths. The club has paid for the services once a week of the able physical director of the Young Women's Christian Association. Since the recent fire at the Association headquarters our athletic club through the trustees of this building have extended to the gymnasium class of the Association a share in the use of our court on the evenings when it is used by young women. Our representative basket ball team has led the City League, and has gone even so far as the Athens State Normal in search of more worlds to conquer.

The local Epworth League Chapter has proved invaluable for starting things, and it is to the glory of the organization that it yields always to plans for the larger good. From its mission study classes of last year has developed a social service and mission study class for the whole Church. As a result of last year's study of "Advance in the Antilles" the League has subscribed one hundred and sixty dollars toward the support of our Cuban work.

In a recent meeting Mr. Charles Stelzle said that in social service the wise course is to work *with* the laboring man rather than *for* him in winning him and his fellows. I am glad it is the wise course. Truly, it is a pleasant one, for the delightful fellowship with many of these sisters of mine this year, next to being a coworker with Him, has been the privilege which has brought largest measure of compensating joy.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Alice S. Jones, Deaconess.

It is with a heart full of thankfulness to my dear Heavenly Father for the way in which he has led me that I send my first report of my work as a Church deaconess. I reached Birmingham the middle of August, and no one could have been given a more cordial welcome than I received on my arrival from the pastor, Dr. L. C. Branscomb,

and his splendid people. Our membership numbers over 1,400, and the rest of the year was spent in becoming acquainted with the people and learning the city.

My work has indeed been a great joy to me; it far surpasses my highest expectations. For the most part it consists of visiting; and as I go from house to house, sometimes where the sick ones lie or there are the dear old people who cannot leave their homes, or perhaps death has entered the home and there are aching hearts to be comforted—as I go trying to bring a little of God's sunshine into the lives of those I touch, I find there is great satisfaction and joy in his service.

Until the first of the year I was a substitute teacher for our teachers' training class of young women, and that work I enjoyed very much.

First Church has a splendidly organized Sunday school, and this year instead of having a Christmas tree with presents for the children each class was given a small stocking, and an offering was made to our State Orphanage in Selma, which amounted to \$180.

It isn't easy to give a report of what I have done, for as I look back over the weeks it seems that I haven't done much; but this one thing I do know: I have been busy from morning till night, and have tried in every way possible to fit in just wherever I was needed to help.

BEAUMONT, TEX., FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Bessie Wilhoit, Deaconess.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name." My heart at the close of another year of service would cry aloud my Redeemer's praise for all his goodness, love, and mercy. This year has been filled with many duties; some perhaps would think them hard, but with my Lord to strengthen they have all become pleasures. I feel that my work is becoming better established, and every day I thank my Heavenly Father for bringing me to Beaumont.

Very little new work has been begun, but the classes and societies already in operation have grown in numbers and spiritual power. We have two sewing circles. The "Belle Bennett Sewing Circle" meets on Saturday morning with twenty bright, happy children, mostly Italians. The other circle, with a larger number in attendance, meets on Saturday afternoon. The children are faithful in attendance and love their work. We are planning to start in the near future mothers' circles in both districts. One of our most cultured women has volunteered to help with this work.

The Wesley Adult Bible Class for women is under my direction, and is a continued source of inspiration and help. They stand ready for service at all times, and are growing into a strong organization. Our monthly business and social meetings have helped to bring the members into closer fellowship and also have added many new members to our roll. The children's Leagues are both under my care. We have our meetings on Sunday afternoons. In our Intermediate League we have completed the study of "Korea in Transition." These organizations are both active and have been earnest and faithful in their work; they also through mite boxes and other means contributed largely to the missionary funds of the Church. Church visiting, visiting the sick and strangers is, to my mind, the most essential part of my work. I would gladly give all my time to this; but as attendance upon the Church societies, committee meetings, etc., is also important, much of my time is taken up in that way.

I count it a joy to serve my Lord as Church deaconess, and every

day some added blessing is brought into my life, and it is always when I have done "something for Jesus." The hearty coöperation I have met here in my work has strengthened and encouraged me. We hope to see great things accomplished in our Church during the coming year.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., CENTENARY CHURCH.

Emma Burton, Deaconess.

As I review the work of the past ten months, I realize that I have been busy every moment of the time, and yet when I try to tell what has been done it seems so little; but there are many things that cannot be accounted for in figures.

As Church deaconess my work is largely that of calling and receiving calls during my office hours. I have an office in the church annex, and spend the mornings there. Many afternoons are spent in visiting. The calls fall into five groups—viz., visits to the Church members, the nonmembers, the sick, the bereaved, and to institutions, making a total of nine hundred and forty-six calls made. The house-to-house visiting is a work which counts. Here we learn the heart-aches, trying in our feebleness to teach them that all trials, material and spiritual, met in God's strength are diminished and sometimes vanish.

While visiting the sick and strangers of our community constitutes the most important part of my work, assistance is given in every organization of our Church, and our people stand ready to assist me in every way possible. I have a splendid class of high school girls (twenty-nine in number), and they take a very great interest in my work, and have as one special care a little blind baby that lives in the Orphans' Home. They clothe the child and "borrow" her for a little outing occasionally; and when she is old enough, they hope to send her to the blind school.

I love the work more and more, and would not give it up for anything else. It has indeed been a privilege to serve in this field for the Master.

CLIFTON, S. C.

Miss Mamy Reames, Deaconess.

Another year has passed in our march to eternity, and we are called upon to make a reckoning of the work done for our Master. As a sailor at sea, we want to know if we are headed for the port and if we are making progress. We realize that each day is like a furrow lying before us. Our thoughts, desires, and actions are the seed that each moment we drop into it. All we have sown springs up, grows, and bears fruit. Almost unknown to us, behind us angels and demons, like gleaners, gather together in sheaves all that belong to them.

It gives me great pleasure to report my second year's work in the beautiful little town of Clifton. For the past year our pastor has lived in Spartanburg; and as he came to us only on Sundays, this put double duty upon me. My services at the bedside of the sick and dying, helping care for the poor and needy, conducting funerals, etc., took up so much of my time that I have been unable to do some work I have now begun, such as a night school at the two Cliftons and a cooking school at No. 1. I have a boys' club and sewing school at No. 1 and home mission societies at each place. Now that our pastor will live with us this year, I feel that my hands are untied and I can do

more for my people, whom I am so much interested in and love and to whom I hope to be returned another year.

Something less than a year ago I was given the junior boys' class in Sunday school, with an enrollment of nine; now our number is thirty-five. I feel justly proud of them; all are bright, promising boys.

When I begin my day's work, I pray that my influence may be sweet and wholesome, that I may inspire some desponding heart, that I may cheer by my cheerfulness. So far as we can may we let sunshine into those lives that need it most, for we have such a good opportunity in this personal touch as we visit from home to home and try to lead them to God. "It costs something to do something, but there is a blessed compensation: He comes not with a measure of justice, but of love."

COOLEEMEE. N. C.

Miss Josephine Guffin, Missionary.

My report this year covers only ten months. Upon my work in Asheville for the past year I look back with mingled joy and sadness—joy for the blessing of God upon the work we were permitted to do there and sadness that a greater work was not done.

Our work in the tannery district has been very encouraging. We organized a Christian Endeavor Society there in May, which was a great success from the first. This society, together with the Sunday school, has developed workers so that the people have become able to carry on most of the work themselves.

In the factory district, besides visiting in the homes and helping in the midweek prayer meeting, we have assisted in the weekly mothers' meeting at Welfare Cottage. When the cotton mill closed in the summer, with the consent of the mill authorities we took possession of the Welfare Cottage, continuing to carry on the mothers' meetings with success.

In our North Asheville Mission the work has been carried on as before—Sunday school, Sunday night service, Friday night prayer meeting, and the children's sewing school. We feel that this work has more of permanency in every way than before. The sewing school has been loved and enjoyed by all of the girls.

We are praising the Lord this year because the plans for the juvenile court and probation system have been carried out, and our boy offenders are not being confined to the jail, but are becoming better boys as a result of the change.

While we cannot see great results from our monthly meetings at the County Home, the inmates have looked forward so eagerly to our coming that we have been blessed ourselves by our work among them.

It was my privilege to introduce the new worker, Miss Marshall, before leaving for my new field.

I came to Cooleemee the 1st of October and found a splendid field for work and a population of about two thousand mill people. I started by visiting in the homes and attending evangelistic services held in our church. In this way I soon felt at home among the people. In a little while the pastor put me in charge of the Junior League and Philathea Class, and I am greatly enjoying my work with them.

Since our arrival we have organized a young ladies' sewing school, a children's sewing school, and a boys' basketry club. We have good attendance and a very enthusiastic crowd of young people who look forward eagerly to their time of meeting together. We meet in the Junior Baraca room of the church, but are praying that we may be

given a building for the work. So much work is needed here that might be done if we had the proper equipment. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest" that he may supply our needs in his own way and time.

CROSSETT, ARK.

Miss Willena Henry, Deaconess.

Dr. Grenfell in his little book, "What Life Means to Me," says: "To me any service to the humblest of mankind is Christ service, however insignificant, and is therefore a legitimate reason for joy." As I look over the past months of my work I feel a great joy rising in my heart that God has permitted me to labor here another year; and though I have not accomplished what I wanted to or even what I planned, I feel that God has used me in serving his little ones. We have stepped forward in our societies by uniting and assuming new pledges. Our mission study circle is growing in interest and in numbers, and the League attendance is also on the increase. I help in these and have charge of the missionary department of the Sunday school.

A Pocket Testament League has been organized, and a gift of \$100 made it possible for me to give a Testament to each man who would sign the pledge but was unable to buy the book. Our membership now exceeds one hundred and seventy-five. Eighty garments have passed through my hands, and many have been sent to the needy after the need was made known.

Owing to a change in location, we are now able to go to one of the camps once each week. Our camp pastor and his good wife, Rev. and Mrs. Holmes, have had several years' experience in mission work in Neighborhood House, Cincinnati, Ohio, and are doing a fine work at the camp. Mrs. Holmes is a graduate tailoress and has charge of both sewing schools.

A gift from Mrs. E. S. Crossett made it possible for us to fit up a big car for a cooking and serving room. This car, which we have named "Harmony" for Mrs. Crossett, is well furnished and work will be started in it in January. A spiritual wave has lifted our "near camp" to a higher plane of living, and we are expecting great things for God from these people.

A monthly supper from six to seven o'clock has been instituted in my Baraca class, and is proving a great help, as it draws the class together as a class in a social way.

I have made eight hundred and eighty-eight visits and distributed eighty-two Testaments.

FORT SMITH, ARK.

Miss Ida Hockemeyer, Deaconess.

My second year's work at Fort Smith has been even more delightful than the first. My heart rejoices as I look back over the way my Saviour has led me. He is graciously blessing the efforts put forth to extend his kingdom here. The mission started last year is progressing nicely. The industrial school, where we are teaching basketry, sewing, etc., is appreciated by both the children and parents. As these girls are to be the future home-makers, we follow the admonition of Solomon when he said: "Train up the child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Our kindergarten, conducted by Miss Frances Denton, is doing splendid work. She has children from Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant homes. It has been wonderful and at the same time fascinating to

watch the development in the children since the opening of this department. Miss Denton is not merely amusing them but drawing them out, strengthening and directing their faculties in the right direction. We feel that seed is being sown in these hearts which will tell for all eternity. The work is touching the hearts of parents as well as the children. The mothers' club is not so large as it might be, but the mothers are more and more becoming interested. The Sunday school is growing steadily. We have an organized class of boys called "Hustlers," and we feel they have the right name.

The Christmas tree and entertainment will be long remembered by the children of this mission school. To some it was the first and only real Christmas they had ever had. Fifty pairs of stockings were hung up in the corner for old Santa to distribute. Besides these, a toy, book, or some article of clothing was given to each one of them. This was made possible by the children of the Central Sunday School. They brought these gifts instead of receiving for themselves, as has been the usual custom, thereby getting the lesson: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The regular visiting in the homes has revealed the fact that the opportunities for evangelistic work are unlimited. I find many unchurched Protestants who have had their Church letters in the bottom of their trunks for many years. The sick and the poor are always in our midst, and as we mingle among them our hearts are melted into sympathy, especially for the worthy poor. God bless them! He must have a special love for each one of them, or surely he would not have made so many of them. We meet the brave who are struggling under adverse circumstances to make the best of life, and their problems become our problems. They need to be spiritually fed and clothed with righteousness as well as provided with temporal needs. You may be sure that the deaconess is a welcome caller at these homes, and God abundantly blessed me in his service. To him, and him only, be all praise for the success and growth of the work.

FORT WORTH, TEX.

Miss Ida Stevens, Deaconess.

My heart is full of gratitude as I write my third report from Fort Worth that I am serving in this field with such a pastor and wearing a deaconess bonnet. I have done a good deal of office work this year. One great pleasure was helping during the Men and Religion Forward Campaign. Though office work, it was an important link in reaching the men of our Church. I also completely revised the Church roll, making new books for the pastor and myself. A number of our people move constantly. To keep a book of accurate addresses requires constant visiting, inquiry, and watchfulness. I try to assist every department of the Church, at present holding no office. I visit particularly strangers, new members, and those in trouble.

Christmas and Thanksgiving are seasons of joy. A number of ladies have told me to let them know when I need anything. So groceries, toys, flowers, and dainties, with worn clothes come whenever asked for. Besides this, clothes, magazines, and jellies are kept for emergencies. Miss Fox and I share our stores and play Santa Claus together.

Our Philathea class makes me an allowance each month. I have thought best to use this in our gymnasium work. Later I hope to add a sewing room to the Philathea room. The Baraca class looks up

young men I report to them, and has supplied me with Bibles for distribution. The Woman's Missionary Society gives a regular amount to use in my work, while the Young Women's Missionary Society has undertaken to teach a cripple girl, hoping to fit her for business college. So the busy days fly. If there were only six of us! So much to do and so many willing to work if you can just get the connections made. It is a grand world to live in.

GREENSBORO, N. C., WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH.

Miss Nell C. Rogers, Deaconess.

This third year as Church deaconess of West Market Street Church has indeed been a year of great joy in His service. My work is practically the same as last year—with my class of eighteen live boys in West Market Sunday School, the class of young ladies at Bethel Sunday School in the afternoon, and the Saturday noonday service with the girls at the cigar factory. The greater part of my time is being spent in visiting the poor, the sick, and the shut-ins of our congregation. However, my activities are not confined to the membership of the Church. As there is no Associated Charities, I coöperate with the Salvation Army and with the other organizations of the city in looking after the poor.

The Woman's Home Mission Society has a missionary trunk kept in the home in which I board. The ladies send the garments they want distributed to the poor to this trunk, then when a call comes I am prepared to meet the need so much more promptly. At the Christmas entertainment the first Philathea class and the ladies' Bible class contributed sheets, pillow cases, and towels to this trunk to be loaned in case of sickness among the poor.

We rejoice in the fact that our little mission Sunday school has developed into a Church and we have a pastor who gives us two Sunday afternoons in each month. And now as we stand on the threshold of a new year we want to be "strong and very courageous," for we know that as we go about scattering the seed our great Captain, Jesus Christ, has promised, "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

MEMPHIS, TENN., FIRST CHURCH.

Miss Cornelia Godbey, Deaconess.

My work began June 10, 1911, so that my report covers a little less than seven months. From the day of my arrival in Memphis to the present time I have had every reason to say with the Psalmist: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." I was warmly welcomed in the beginning, and the members of the Church have given me every possible help and encouragement. Of the pastor and official board, I can scarcely find words to express my appreciation, for they have stood by me to a man.

My work has been varied, many things coming in along the way which cannot be tabulated, but which have taken both time and patience. Stranded women and little children have been cared for and helped to reach friends in other cities, rooms have been found and rent paid, young girls have been kept from possible ruin by a little timely help, the sick have been cared for and the last offices for the dead performed, men who were among the "down and out" class have been helped toward an honest living, and last, but I do not believe

least, has been the singing of gospel songs in the Sunday school, the Epworth League, and other gatherings, as well as in the homes with the "shut-ins." The greater part of my time, however, has been spent in visiting the Church members and in caring for the poor. I do not feel satisfied with the work I have done during these months, but with Paul "I press toward the mark," and with God's blessing upon my efforts I hope to make the year 1912 count for much more than the year just gone.

MINERAL WELLS, TEX.

Miss Adeline Peebles, Deaconess.

On January 1 I went to Mineral Wells, Tex., under appointment by the Missionary Council to work as Church deaconess for Rev. J. W. Downs, as the work during the summer months was very heavy. This being a health resort, it was my sweet privilege to visit those who were sick and lonely, often discouraged and "well-nigh cast down," needing a sympathizing heart to speak words of comfort and hope. Outside of these was a Church membership of five hundred or more whose lives must be touched for good if, like the Master, we "went about doing good." During the five months spent there six hundred and eighty visits were made. In my visiting I found many Church members who had failed to identify themselves with the Church, their stay in Mineral Wells being so uncertain. The habit of not doing one's duty at first is so easy to fall into that people "become set" in this habit; so that it was quite an undertaking, though a labor of love, to which I gave the most earnest, conscientious work. I trust the seed sown may bring forth an abundant harvest.

The marvelous cures wrought by these waters is giving Mineral Wells a reputation far and near. I mention with pleasure the courteous demeanor of those employed at the wells toward the visitors, also the kindness shown by those in charge of the boarding houses to those who are so fortunate as to be with them. I have most pleasant memories of this kind, being received kindly and cordially where it was my privilege to visit. The people of this little city are hospitable, and I spent a pleasant few months among them. Crowds visiting the wells during the hot summer months bent on pleasure, and pleasure only, remind one of the multitudes whom the Master looked upon but failed to touch in soul-saving power because treasure upon earth was the engrossing thought. Yet it is a comfort to know there were some souls who were touched for good in these few months.

The pastor felt an especial interest in the work of the Intermediate League, so I was asked to make special effort along this line. Sunday afternoon is a gay time at the wells. Crowds gather to drink the waters, listen to the music, and enjoy themselves socially. It was necessary that prayer and special effort be put forth in order to protect those who are classed as the "Intermediates." Our plan to give one Sunday to home and one to foreign missions in connection with the League worked very nicely with the children both in interest and attendance. I trust there may be some missionaries to come from that League who may give consecrated lives to the Master's service.

The Mineral Wells Church is especially fortunate in having so many earnest, capable women among its membership who are giving such beautiful service to their Church. The life of dear Mother Stafford has not been in vain. Her influence is felt all down the line, and there are many to rise up and call her blessed. The missionary society is forward, and the ladies were doing a good work among the colored

Methodist women in giving them clear Bible teaching. It was a delight to be a member of this society and serve in the capacity of their deaconess. The work done by Sister Downs during her four years in Mineral Wells has greatly endeared her to the women of the missionary society. The different departments of work are greatly in evidence in our Church here. I trust they may continue. God bless this Church, so rich in opportunity to bring blessing and comfort, both physical and spiritual, to all who come within the length and breadth of its influence.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., RAYNE MEMORIAL.

Miss Mary H. Frankland, Deaconess.

The work of the past ten months seems so small compared with what I had wished for at the beginning of the year, yet I feel that something has been accomplished. The visiting I have done has been principally among Sunday school absentees, the sick and poor, investigating cases that have applied for aid and ministering to them as seemed best.

During the year I was made agent of the *Missionary Voice* and superintendent of the home department of the Sunday school, and have done some visiting in the interest of that work.

Our Junior League was disbanded, and the children were organized into a missionary society in the hope that we could get a greater number interested. They raised \$9.79 to be paid on a Korean scholarship. Added to this, we have \$9.05, which was raised by one of the members, a boy of ten years. This report would not be complete without telling of him. He had been in bad health for more than a year, and in the early fall God took his sweet spirit to be with himself. After his death his mother sent for me and told me that Harry had said he wanted to be a missionary to Korea, and had for some time before his death saved his money with that in view. She then put into my hand \$9.05, the amount he had saved, saying that she wanted it to be used in Korea, as that is the place where he purposed to use it. When this incident was told at the memorial service held in our Sunday school, our superintendent proposed that we as a school undertake the education of a Korean boy. In this way the Harry C. Chevis scholarship originated.

As the year draws to a close I feel that I have received more blessings than I have given, but pray that I may yet be used more effectually in His work in the future.

ST. LOUIS, MO., CENTENARY CHURCH.

Miss Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess.

The work of 1911 has differed somewhat from that of previous years, in that much of my work had to be done through the office. This was necessary on account of the marriage of our secretary and our inability to secure a desirable young woman to take her place. However, we at last have found the young lady, and my work will go on as in previous years.

Nevertheless, the work of the year has afforded abundant opportunity to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the sick, care for the dying, visit the prison, and, most of all, carry the gospel message to those who need it most. I have seen the power of this message transform many lives and comfort many hearts, as it has my own heart so many, many times.

My work has been general, my being the only deaconess at present. In a membership of 2,300 it keeps one very busy attending to the needs of the sick, those in distress, looking after the careless member, bringing into the fold the lost or careless one, conducting funerals in the absence of the pastor, attending the numerous meetings of the Church, Epworth League, missionary societies, organized classes, and a few outside interests. In all of these things a deaconess can find abundant opportunity for service. Jesus has so signally blessed the smallest service performed in his name and caused it to redound to his glory. I am comforted with the thought many times that this battle is not ours, but God's, and I praise him that I am permitted to serve in his ranks. The year has been one of great joy in service for him. Whatever the fruit may be, I lay it down at his feet, knowing that it was done, not by might, nor by power, but by his own Spirit.

SPRAY, N. C.

Miss Addie Patillo, Deaconess.

There seemed to be nothing wiser to begin with than to get acquainted with my flock the first weeks. I was sure I could canvass the town (but not in the spirit of an "agent") within a month. However, I soon gave up that idea, for Spray is scattered broadcast over forty hills and dales. Its great cotton and woolen mills are encircled by myriads of typical mill cottages built very much alike. I cannot say the same of its people, though. We have a curious mingling of the high and lowly—employers and employed, proud and humble. A late Governor's mansion, still in a state of glory, with a proud old butler and maid-of-all-work, stands on a bluff above one old mill. That Governor's daughter resides here, and is materially aiding the phases of work carried on by the deaconess. Being interested in all civic betterment, she and others employ a trained district nurse who does much good.

By October my mission was known fairly well, and I was not so great a curiosity as at first. My bonnet the first Sunday created such a sensation that I concluded I would visit as a "plain citizen," using an umbrella for a time. (They had never seen a real live deaconess in these parts.) Now it's a matter of course, and even my deaf-mute friend spells "sweet" to me often. She is a member of my class.

When I explained about the clubs and industrial classes, the mothers and children were both won over. Our generous friends furnished three rooms in a substantial house, near the center of town, which was once the Day Nursery (still known as that), where we meet to study cooking and sewing several times a week. We opened it with a social, to talk over plans and agree upon the possible hours of meeting. I had made attractive posters to invite the girls, and altogether it proved most effective. Dainty refreshments were served. I soon had enrolled forty-two little girls in the sewing school and twenty-nine in the cooking school over ten years of age. (These are the little home mothers.) In the grown girls' classes there are sixteen in domestic science and twelve in sewing. Recently we have organized a club of mothers, who asked for cooking lessons. There are eight in this. The chief article of diet among the working people is beans. I thoroughly enjoy the small girls' cooking class on Wednesday afternoon, just the hour or so after school. We have done stenciling in the young ladies' class. There is need of helpers in all lines. The girls are bright and eager to learn.

My work in the Church requires time and thought. I have been per-

sonal worker and pianist for four revival meetings in three months—all in addition to regular duties. The second week after my arrival I was put in charge of the Philathea class in our Sunday school, and have a most "promising" group of women. Since the League is reorganized, I am "sister-in-law" to all departments. If I can by God's help fulfill my obligations toward all, I shall be glad to share these responsibilities. They do me high honor in such privileges.

Since I began work here the Christian Church has offered a training school course to a girl who will "go and do likewise." The Baptist also is interested. My prayer has been abundantly answered that I might be led into plain paths of duty. Yet I do not ask to see my way, for I know He leads. Why do not others seek this supreme joy in serving "others?"

CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER BOARDS.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., TRAVELERS' AID WORK.

Miss Laura Harris, Deaconess.

The past year's work has been one of varied experiences and blessings. Many, many lives have been touched, we trust, for good, but we realize that results are in God's hands. In my work every day is almost separate and distinct from every other day as to the work done and the lives touched. No organized work can be done, because each day brings an entirely different set and sometimes different class of people. When starting out for the day's work, we have not the slightest idea what will have to be done before the day is over. One day it is an aged, feeble woman, more feeble in mind than body and traveling alone, that requires constant watching for several hours. We find she has no railroad ticket for the remainder of her journey. The ticket must be provided, the trunk checked, and she put on her train. The very next day it is a four-month-old babe the grandfather has brought in from the Insane Asylum, where the mother had to be taken before its birth. Several hours of our time are given to the little one. On another day it was a ten-day-old babe whose mother died eight days before, being taken in the arms of the grief-stricken father to his mother. The necessary time is given to its care. The gratitude of the two men seems to know no bounds. One day we found a young country girl in the waiting room. After much questioning, we learned why she was there. She came to town several days before to get work. She has never known anything but farm work, and, hoping to find something more agreeable, she slipped away from home, not even telling her mother she was coming. She was staying since coming to the city with a friend (the only person in the town that she knew), who was doing housework for a family living in the suburbs of the city. She came to town this morning looking for work, and could not find her way back. She did not know the name of the family where she was staying nor the name of the street they live on, but she finally told of a death in the family some days before; so we started out to visit the undertaking establishments, and from them got the information we needed, and took the girl back to her friend. A good part of the day was spent in this work. We used all our powers of persuasion to get the girl to go to her aunt, who had offered her a home, for she was not in any way qualified for work in town, and after some days she went.

Many instances of a similar kind might be told and some of a much more serious nature. We often hear very encouraging things about the work. An elderly woman told me that a young girl said to her that the sight of my face kept her from doing an imprudent act. I am told that my presence at the station has stopped a great deal of the improper conduct that was formerly carried on there. I am thankful for this place in which to serve the Master by serving others.

My statistical report is as follows: Those provided with lodging at hotels, 255; provided with lodging at Y. W. C. A., 37; sick people cared for, 79; who have rested on the couch, 106; young girls protected, 92; old people cared for, 144; babies using cradles, 301; babies cared for, 44; for whom railroad tickets were bought, 10; aided in various other ways, 1,226. Money expended in the work as follows: Railroad tickets, \$22.78; lunches, \$1.05; milk for orphan children, 15 cents; car fare, 15 cents; errand boys, 30 cents.

TAMPA, FLA., THE WOMAN'S HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Miss Elizabeth R. Davis, Deaconess in Charge.

Reviewing the work of the year, we realize that it has been a busy one, fraught with many problems that were new and untried, but in the providence of God we feel that we had a successful year. Our principal work is rescuing the erring girls, although we do not confine our efforts to this cause alone. Our Home is a temporary refuge for any girl or woman who needs protection, regardless of age or circumstances. The erring girls coming into the Home are required to sign a contract to remain one year, with the privilege of remaining longer. Many remain. We like the free choice, for those that remain the second year are choice girls. The girls are taught house-cleaning, cooking, laundry work of various kinds, a variety of baking, and plain sewing. Our industries do much toward the support of our Home.

Our fight with the white slave traffic absorbed time, strength, and money; but we think it will do much to reduce that nefarious business in Tampa. We realize from small towns asking our assistance or advice that the people all over the State are waking to the dangers. We sheltered for weeks the two white slaves whose cases are now in the Federal court; we also cared for a foreign girl who was deported by the United States government. We had twenty-two girls during the year, sheltered fifty women and girls, finding employment for them, placed fifteen others in positions, two girls in training school, three children in homes, and cared for three children while the mothers worked. We cared for twenty-seven sick persons free of charge and three pay cases and made over five hundred visits for the uplifting of womankind. There were nights when I worked all night.

RECORD OF CHURCH DEACONESSES.

CHURCH.	CONFERENCE.	DEACONESSES.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Persons Induced to Come to Church.	Persons Professing Conversion.	Meetings Addressed.	Subscriptions Secured for Church Papers.	Bibles Distributed.	Tracts and Papers Distributed.	Value of Food, Fuel, and Garmen's Given.	Number of Hours Spent in Office Daily.	Persons Reached Through Industrial School and Clubs.	Persons Reached Through Night Schools and Boys Clubs.	Persons Attending Reading School.
Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Miss Alice Smith.....	1,140	524	38	.....	105	4	.....	108	\$ 55.15	2	42	.....	.....
Bearmont, Tex.....	Texas.....	Miss Bessie Willhoite.....	804	116	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	305	578.62	1	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham (First Church).....	North Alabama.....	Miss Alice Jones.....	890	883	4	.....	152	.....	5	.....	27.20	3	20	.....	.....
Chattanooga (Centenary).....	Holston.....	Miss Emma Barton.....	1,351	883	.....	.....	145	.....	.....	147	5.65	.....	65	25	.....
Clifton, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	Miss Mamie Reams.....	773	76	.....	.....	50	3	82	49.30	71.67	.....	25	.....	.....
Cooleme, N. C.....	Western North Carolina.....	Miss Josephine Guffin.....	888	64	15	.....	9	5	10	436	134.06	.....	25	.....	.....
Coossett Ark.....	Little Rock.....	Miss Willena Henry.....	1,435	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	3	289	65.75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Smith.....	Central Texas.....	Miss Ida Hockmeyer.....	906	.....	.....	1	19	.....	.....	.....	130.00	.....	13	.....	.....
Fort Worth (First Church).....	Western North Carolina.....	Miss Nell C. Rogers.....	1,008	45	.....	1	6	.....	.....	.....	65.75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro (West Market).....	Memphis.....	Miss Cornelia Godbey.....	1,808	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans (Bayne).....	Louisiana.....	Miss Mary Franklin.....	470	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis (Centenary).....	St. Louis.....	Miss Mabel Kennedy.....	518	750	215	43	2	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,110
Mineral Wells.....	Central Texas.....	Miss Adeline Peoples.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Briceville.....	Holston.....	Miss Daisy Duncan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	.....	12,041	1,958	294	59	611	13	170	1,347	\$1,191.90	10	256	43	1,110

* Miss Duncan went to Briceville at the call of pastor and presiding elder at the time of the mines explosion.

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSSES AND CITY MISSIONARIES.

- Albany, Ga., City Board: Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Missionary.
Asheville, N. C., City Board: Miss Mabelle Marshall, Deaconess.
Atlanta, Ga., Wesley House: Miss Mary Daniels, Deaconess; Miss Mary Moore, Deaconess; Miss Ellen Cloud, Nurse Deaconess.
Augusta, Ga., Wesley House: Miss Annie Trawick, Deaconess; Miss Dollie Crim, Missionary.
Augusta, Ga.: Extension Secretary to the Negro Work, Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Deaconess; Miss Mamye Reams, Deaconess.
Baltimore, Md., City Board: Miss De Etta Whitwell, Deaconess.
Beaumont, Tex.: Church Deaconess, Miss Ida Stephens.
Birmingham, Ala.: Church Deaconess, Miss Alice Jones.
Birmingham, Ala., Wesley House: Miss Florida Dewar, Deaconess; Miss Constance Palmore, Deaconess; Miss Helen Burr, Missionary; Miss Mittie Hamby, Kindergartner; Miss Annie Bass, Missionary.
Biloxi, Miss., Wesley House: Miss Myrtle Long, Missionary; Miss Roberta Stubbs, Kindergartner.
Chattanooga, Tenn.: Church Deaconess, Miss Emma Burton.
Clifton, S. C.: Church Deaconess, Miss Alice Sheider.
Coal Fields (Holston Conference): Miss Willona Henry, Deaconess; Miss Daisy Duncan, Nurse Deaconess.
Cooleemee, N. C.: Miss Josephine Giffin, Missionary.
Dallas, Tex., Wesley House: Miss Lillie Black, Deaconess; Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Deaconess.
Dallas, Tex., Wesley Chapel: Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Deaconess.
Dallas, Tex., Virginia K. Johnson Home and School: Miss Ruth Diefendorf, Missionary.
Danville, Va., Wesley House: Miss Mary Franklin, Deaconess.
Darlington, S. C.: District Visitor, Miss Aletha Graham, Deaconess.
Fort Worth, Tex.: Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess.
Greenwood, S. C., City Board: Miss Grace Hemingway, Deaconess.
Hartford, Ark.: Church Deaconess, Miss Ida Hockemeyer.
Houma, La., French Work: Miss Eliza Iles, Deaconess.
Houston, Tex., Wesley House: Miss May Ora Durham, Deaconess; Miss Nellie Wynn, Deaconess; Miss Mary Hanscom, Deaconess.
Kansas City, Mo., Institutional Church: Miss Mae Shelton, Deaconess; Miss Myrtle Rhudy, Deaconess; Miss Bessie Wilhoite, Deaconess; Miss Annie Mutch, Deaconess.
Knoxville, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Evie Waddell, Deaconess; Miss Berta Thomas, Deaconess.
Lead Belt District (Missouri): Miss Connie Fagan, Deaconess.

- Lexington, Ky., City Board: Miss Frances Scott, Deaconess.
- Los Angeles, Cal., City Board: Miss Maria Elliott, Deaconess; Miss Frances Mann, Deaconess; Miss Bessie Pearson, Nurse.
- Louisville, Ky., Wesley House: Miss Ellen Gainey, Deaconess; Miss Eunice Segars, Deaconess; Miss Cornelia Wicker, Deaconess.
- Macon, Ga., Wesley House: Miss Martha Dupree, Deaconess; Miss Etta Heflin, Deaconess.
- Macon, Ga., Door of Hope: Mrs. W. F. Knowles, Missionary.
- Memphis, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Ethelyn Knapp, Deaconess; Miss Janette Haskin, Kindergartner.
- Memphis, Tenn.: Church Deaconess, Miss Cornelia Godbey.
- Meridian, Miss., Wesley House: Miss Mollie Womack, Deaconess; Miss Lois Tinsley, Deaconess.
- Mobile, Ala., Wesley House: Miss Selina Monohan, Deaconess; Miss Susie Bell Jeter, Deaconess.
- Mobile, Ala., Institutional Church: Miss Dora Hoover, Missionary.
- Mobile, Ala., Travelers' Aid (Y. W. C. A.): Miss Adelina Peeples, Deaconess.
- Montgomery, Ala., Travelers' Aid (Y. W. C. A.): Miss Laura Harris, Deaconess.
- Nashville, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Bessie Allen, Missionary; Miss Sue Herrick, Kindergartner.
- Nashville, Tenn., Methodist Training School: Miss Jennie Ducker, Deaconess.
- New Orleans, La., St. Mark's Hall: Miss Margaret Ragland, Deaconess; Miss Roberta Baker, Missionary; Miss Kathron Wilson, Nurse.
- New Orleans, La., Mary Werlein Mission: Mrs. L. Meekin, Missionary.
- New Orleans, La., First Church: Miss Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess.
- Orangeburg, S. C., City Board: Miss Sallie Regan, Deaconess.
- Portsmouth, Va., Wesley House: Miss Nannette Hudson, Deaconess.
- Richmond, Va., Methodist Institute: Miss Hattie Sellars, Deaconess; Miss Nell Rogers, Deaconess; Mrs. M. L. Stone, Missionary.
- San Antonio, Tex., City Mission Board: Miss Ella Bowden, Deaconess.
- San Antonio, Tex., Travelers' Aid (Y. W. C. A.): Mrs. Alamada Hewitt, Deaconess.
- Spartanburg, S. C., Wesley House: Miss Edith Leighty, Deaconess; Miss Hazel Cooper, Missionary.
- Spray, N. C.: Church Deaconess, Miss Adele Patillo.
- St. Joseph, Mo., Wesley House: Miss Carolyn Smith, Deaconess; Miss Effie Pate, Kindergartner.
- St. Louis, Mo., Centenary Church: Miss Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess; Miss Kate Kell, Deaconess; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Deaconess.
- St. Louis, Mo., Kingdom House: Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess; Miss Rosa Breeden, Deaconess; Miss Cora Borchers, Deaconess; Miss Sara Lowder, Missionary.
- St. Louis, Mo., St. John's Church: Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deaconess.

Springfield, Mo., City Board: Miss Edith Fuess, Deaconess.

Tampa, Fla., Wesley House: Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Missionary; Miss Zadie Royalty, Deaconess; Miss Willie Terrell, Kindergartner.

Tampa, Fla., Home and Hospital: Miss Elizabeth Davis, Deaconess.

Tampa, Fla., Wolff Mission: Miss Elizabeth Cox, Deaconess.

Tampa, Fla., Italian School: Miss Annie Koch, Missionary; Miss Martha Norburn, Missionary.

Thurber, Tex., Wesley House: Miss Mary Wood, Deaconess; Miss Susie Mitchell, Missionary.

Vanderbilt Hospital for Nurse-Training: Miss Mabel Wheeler.

Waco, Tex., Coöperative Home: Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess.

Wilmington, N. C.: Church Deaconess, Miss Stella Womack.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Wesley House: Miss Florence Blackwell, Deaconess.

DEACONESSSES.

Name.	Date of Consecration.	Address.
Miss Florence Blackwell	April, 1906	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Miss Cora Borehars	May, 1909	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Ella Bowden	April, 1911	San Antonio, Tex.
Miss Rosa Breeden	1910	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Emma Burton	" 1908	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Miss Elizabeth Cox	" 1911	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Elizabeth Davis	" 1903	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Mary Daniel	" 1910	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Florida Dewar	" 1911	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Rhoda Dragoo	June, 1909	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Jennie Ducker	" 1909	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Daisy Duncan	April, 1908	Briceville, Tenn.
Miss Martha DuPree	" 1911	Macon, Ga.
Miss Mary Ora Durham	" 1910	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Maria Elliott	" 1904	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Connie Fagan	" 1911	Flat River, Mo.
Miss May Franklin	" 1908	New Orleans, La.
Miss Edith Fness	" 1911	Springfield, Mo.
Miss Ellen Gainey	" 1910	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Helen Gibson	" 1908	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Gertrude Grizard	" 1911	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Cornelia Godbey	" 1911	Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Laura Harris	" 1910	Montgomery, Ala.
Miss Mary Hanscom	" 1911	Spartanburg, N. C.
Miss Grace Hemenway	June, 1909	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Willena Henry	May, 1909	Crossett, Ark.
Mrs. Almeda Hewitt	1908	San Antonio, Tex.
Miss Ida Hockemeyer	April, 1910	Fort Smith, Ark.
Miss Nanette Hudson	May, 1909	Portsmouth, Va.
Miss Ethel Jackson	April, 1907	Waco, Tex.
Miss Alice Jones	" 1911	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Susie Belle Jeter	" 1910	"
Miss Mabel Kennedy	" 1903	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Ethelyn Knapp	" 1911	Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Edith Leighty	" 1911	Richmond, Ky.
Miss Myrtie Long	May, 1909	Biloxi, Miss.
Miss Fannie Mann	April, 1907	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Marybelle Marshall	" 1907	Asheville, N. C.
Miss Salina Monohan	" 1906	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Mary Moore	" 1911	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Annie Mutch	" 1907	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Adeline Peeples	Nov., 1908	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Addie Patillo	April, 1911	Spray, N. C.
Miss Constance Palmore	June, 1909	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Margaret Ragland	April, 1908	New Orleans, La.
Miss Mayme Reams	" 1910	Clifton, S. C.
Miss Myrtle Rhudy	" 1911	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Nell Rogers	October, 1909	Greensboro, N. C.
Miss Zaida Royalty	May, 1909	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Frances Scott	" 1909	St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Eunice Segars	April, 1911	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Hattie Sellars	" 1908	Richmond, Va.
Miss Alice Sheider	" 1910	Meridian, S. C.
Miss Mae Shelton	May, 1909	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Eugenia Smith	October, 1909	Fort Worth, Tex.
Miss Carolyn Smith	April, 1910	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Mary E. Smith	" 1908	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Ida Stevens	" 1907	Fort Worth, Tex.
Miss Elizabeth Taylor	May, 1903	Houston, Tex.
Miss Berta Thomas	April, 1910	Bristol, Tenn.
Miss Annie Trawick	" 1906	Houston, Tex.
Miss Eva Waddell	" 1911	Knoxville, Tenn.
Miss Mabel Wheeler	June, 1909	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss De Etta Whitwell	April, 1911	Baltimore, Md.
Miss Cornelia Wickers	October, 1909	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Stella Womack	April, 1908	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Mollie Womack	" 1911	Meridian, Miss.
Miss Mary Wood	" 1911	Thurber, Tex.
Miss Beessie Wilhoit	" 1909	Beaumont, Tex.

MISSIONARIES.

TRAINED MISSIONARIES APPOINTED BY THE BOARD.

Name.	Address
Miss Elizabeth Hughes.....	Albany, Ga.
Miss Martha Norburn.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Annie Bass.....	Danville, Va.
Miss Mattie Dickens.....	Darlington, S. C.
Miss Lillie Fox.....	Fort Worth, Tex.
Miss Lucy Epps.....	Greenwood, S. C.
Miss Dora Hoover.....	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Bessie Allen.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Roberta Baker.....	New Orleans, La.
Mrs. L. Meekin.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Sarah Lowder.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Nan Cunningham.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Mrs. W. F. Alexander.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Susie Mitchell.....	Thurber, Tex.
Miss Josephine Gullin.....	Cooleemee, N. C.
Miss Marion Blanchard.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	Richmond, Va.

NURSES.

Miss Lula Cason.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Olga Huber.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Margaret Northrup.....	Houston, Tex.
Miss Bessie Pearson.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Cora Brown.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Luella McCalpin.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Kathron Wilson.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. Carrie L. Bond.....	Louisville, Ky.

KINDERGARTNERS.

Miss Mary Dickinson.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Margaret Urquhart.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Roberta Stubbs.....	Biloxi, Miss.
Miss Mittie Hamby.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Freda Deitrich.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Jannette Haskin.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Ellen Vaughan.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Sue Herrick.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Eva Dorton.....	Tampa, Fla.

DAY NURSERY MATRON.

Miss Dollie Crim.....	
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WESLEY HOUSE TEACHERS.

Miss Cora Greene.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Ethel Reed.....	Thurber, Tex.

HOUSE MOTHERS.

Miss Audry Wade.....	Houston, Tex.
Mrs. Lottie Keithley.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Annie Ragland.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Mary McConnell.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. Anna Ehrengart.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. F. N. Knowles.....	Macon, Ga.

TEACHERS.

Mr. A. W. Mohr.....	Key West, Fla.
Mr. T. L. Perdue.....	Key West, Fla.
Mr. Park E. Wineland.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Eula Glidewell.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Lavinia Brooks.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Anna Bell Rion.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Anna Bunesbog.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Lillie Howe.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Sue L. Brown.....	Key West, Fla.

TEACHERS.

Name.	Address.
Miss Gertrude Lester.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Rena Turner.....	Key West, Fla.
Mr. W. F. Kernes.....	Key West, Fla.
Mr. L. F. Langston.....	Key West, Fla.
Mrs. Miller.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Emelina Valdes.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Lotie Adams.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Elizabeth Cox.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Janita Hiettenhauser.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Rose Baker.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss W. S. Wilcox.....	Tampa, Fla.
Rev. & Mrs. William Acton.....	Alameda, Cal.
Mr. Oba.....	Alameda, Cal.
Mrs. E. N. Smith.....	Alameda, Cal.
Mrs. E. V. Standefer.....	Alameda, Cal.
Mr. and Mrs. Miki.....	Alameda, Cal.
Miss Ellen Young.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Lucy Jones.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Nancy Walker.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Bessie Hawkins.....	Augusta, Ga.
Elijah Chesholm.....	Augusta, Ga.
Prof. J. C. Lewis.....	London, Ky.
Prof. James C. Lewis, Jr.....	London, Ky.
Barbara S. McHargie.....	London, Ky.
Vreling W. Buffum.....	London, Ky.
J. T. McDougal.....	London, Ky.
Miss Florence M. Campbell.....	London, Ky.
Miss Mamie A. Thomas.....	London, Ky.
Miss Julia Franklin.....	London, Ky.
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- India*.—"The Revolt of Sundarama," Elmore, \$1; "The Little Green God," Mason, 75 cents.
- Korea*.—"Kim Su Bang," Wagner, 50 cents; "Pokjumie," Wagner, 50 cents; "Korea in Transition," Gale, 50 cents; "Village Life in Korea," Moose, \$1.
- Mexico*.—"The New Era in Old Mexico," Winton, \$1; "A Mexican Ranch," Duggan, \$1.25.
- Africa*.—"Uganda's White Man of Work," Fahs, 50 cents; "Life of David Livingstone," Blaikie, \$1.50.
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- Immigration*.—"My Country," Antin, \$1.50; "The Immigrant Tide," Steiner, \$1.50; "The Making of an American," Riis, \$1.50; "Immigrant Races in North America," Roberts, 50 cents.
- City*.—"In Bethany House," Smith, \$1.25; "My Mamie Rose," Kildare, 60 cents; "The Challenge of the City," Strong, 50 cents; "Jenks' Inside," Hobson, \$1.
- Social Service*.—"Christianity and the Social Crisis," Rauschenbusch, 60 cents (postpaid); "John Marvel, Assistant," Page, \$1.35.
- Mountain*.—"In the Nantahalas," Townsend, \$1.
- Western Life*.—"The Frontier," Platt, 50 cents; "Heroes of the Cross in America," Sheldon, 50 cents; "The Wingtown Parson's Linen Duster," Hopkins, 30 cents.
- Negro*.—"From Darkness to Light," Helm, 50 cents; "The Negro, the Southerner's Problem," Page, \$1.25.
- Labor Problems*.—"Women in Industry," Abbott, \$2; "The Long Day;" "A Working Girl," \$1.30; "Through the Mill," Priddy, \$1.35.
- Mining*.—"Those Black Diamond Men," Gibbons, \$1.35; "A Year in a Coal Mine," Husband, \$1.10.

White Slave Traffic.—"A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil," Adams, \$1.25; "The Girl That Disappears," Bingham, \$1.

Indian.—"The Indians of the Southwest," George A. Dorsey, 50 cents; "Ramona," Jackson, \$1.35.

General.—"The Religions of the Mission Fields" (different authors), 50 cents; "The Pastor and Modern Missions," Mott, \$1; "The Missionary and His Critic," Barton, \$1; "The Unfinished Task," Barton, 50 cents; "Stewardship and Missions," Cook, 50 cents; "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom," Beach, 50 cents; "The Moslem World," Zwemer, 50 cents; "The Problem of the Present South," Murphy, 60 cents; "The Conservation of National Ideals," 50 cents; "Missions and Social Progress," Dennis, 50 cents.

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PORTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, BOARD OF MISSIONS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, THAT BEAR ON THE WOMAN'S WORK.

The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall hereafter be conducted under the following provisions and regulations:

ARTICLE I. There shall be a Board of Missions, which shall Board. have charge of foreign missions and of such missions as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under two departments—viz., the Department of Foreign Missions and the Department of Home Missions.

ART. II. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice Pres- Officers and
ident, a General Secretary, two Secretaries for the Depart- Managers.
ment of Foreign Missions, two Secretaries for the Depart-
ment of Home Missions, two Educational Secretaries, two
Editorial Secretaries (one of these Secretaries in each in-
stance shall be a woman), and thirty Managers, of whom
ten shall be preachers, ten laymen, and ten women (one of
whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary
Council); the Bishops, the Treasurer of this Board, and an
Assistant Treasurer (who shall be a woman); the Corre-
sponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and
the President of the Laymen's Missionary Movement shall
be *ex officio* members. Said Board shall be elected quadren-
nially by the General Conference as follows: The President,
Vice President, and Managers on nomination of the Com-
mittee on Missions; the General Secretary by ballot at the
time of the election of other connectional officers; the mem-
bers elected to continue in office until their successors are
chosen. The Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur.
The Secretaries for Foreign Missions, the Secretaries for
Home Missions, the Educational Secretaries, the Editorial
Secretaries, the Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall be
elected quadrennially by the incoming Board, the women on
the nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council. The
officers and members shall continue in office until their suc-
cessors are elected.

ART. III. The Board shall be located in the city of Nash- Location.
ville, Tennessee; but its annual meeting may be held in
such place and at such time as the Board shall determine.

Authority.

ART. IV. The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current expenses; to establish missions; to build churches and residences for missionaries, and to build and maintain hospitals and schools; to select and publish books and other suitable literature for its work at home and abroad; to aid in the establishment and support of training schools for Christian workers, for native converts and preachers, and to coöperate with other Churches in the establishment and support of such schools wherever it may be practicable; to decide the lines of work to be committed to the Woman's Missionary Council and the amount of money to be used in the same; to make provision for the missionary education of the Church; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to provide funds, and to appropriate the same for the maintenance of all the work under its care. It shall also publish annually a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it, and the amount appropriated and paid to each, and lay before the General Conference a report of its operations, including the location and value of property held by the Board.

General
Secretary.

ART. V. The General Secretary shall have direction and oversight of all the affairs of the Board, and shall be responsible to the Board for the execution of its policies and for the administration of its funds in all departments. He shall preside at a Conference of all the Secretaries of the Board to be held monthly for the consideration of the interests under their care. This Conference, with the addition of three members of the Board (one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council) to be appointed annually by the President, shall hold a session prior to the annual meeting of the Board to consider the work and needs in the different fields, the number of persons to be employed in each, to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of each missionary and for the necessary expenses of the Board, submitting a full report of the same to the Board in annual session.

Foreign De-
partment
and Duty of
Secretaries.

ART. VI. The Department of Foreign Missions shall administer all the missions of the Church in foreign lands and the funds appropriated for the same, and shall supervise the work of the foreign missionaries on the field, who shall be subject to appointment by the bishop in charge. This work shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions.

ART. VII. The Department of Home Missions shall administer the home mission enterprises of the Church, provided the Annual Conference Boards shall have charge of all the missions they may establish and provide for within their bounds. Candidates for mission work under this department shall be accepted by the Committee on Candidates on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service. When accepted, such candidates shall be nominated for appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work; provided, further, that this paragraph shall not be construed as forbidding Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of this department. The work of this department shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions.

Home Department
and Duty of
Secretaries.

ART. VIII. The Educational Secretaries shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church, with special reference to the Sunday school, the Epworth League, the schools and colleges of the Church, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and other agencies of the Church.

Educational
Secretaries.

ART. IX. The Editorial Secretaries shall edit the missionary periodicals of the Church, and shall have editorial supervision of all other missionary literature.

Editorial
Secretaries.

ART. X. The Secretaries shall reside in Nashville, Tenn. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board, and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to its legal business; to prepare the annual report, and to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or in the Church papers, as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions; and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed.

Residence and
Salaries of
Secretaries.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences.

Annual
Meeting.

ART. XII. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting of the Board, and nine at a called meeting.

Quorum.

ART. XIII. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of nine members (three of whom shall

Executive
Committee.

be women), which shall meet quarterly and hear reports from the fields, consider and decide all questions that may arise from time to time, excepting such questions as they may deem necessary to refer to the Board. This committee shall keep a record of all its proceedings to be reviewed by the Board.

Missionaries. ART. XIV. The Board shall employ only effective missionaries for its work, and shall require each one to make a quarterly report to the Secretaries concerning the state and prospects of the work in charge.

Sources of Revenue. ART. XV. The revenue of the Board shall be derived from apportionments to be distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation; from the Woman's Missionary Societies, provided that the funds raised by the Woman's Missionary Societies shall be appropriated to the work established by them or hereafter to be inaugurated under these provisions; from the Sunday school and Epworth League; and from such other plans as may be adopted by the Board or congregations; from special collections by the Secretaries and the bishops; and from donations, annuities, and legacies.

Treasurers' Duties and Salaries. ART. XVI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the drafts of one of the Secretaries designated by the Board, payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. He shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The salary of the Treasurer and of the Assistant Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by an expert accountant, and a report of the same made to the Board.

Training Schools. ART. XVII. The Board shall conduct the Methodist Training School at Nashville, Tennessee, and the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, Missouri (the latter is an institution chartered under the laws of the State of Missouri), for the purpose of training home and foreign missionaries and other Church workers. It shall conduct the Methodist Training School in affiliation with the Vanderbilt University, and shall elect quadrennially, on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries, a Board of Directors consisting of fifteen members, provided that these shall include two bishops, the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Dean of the Vanderbilt Biblical Department, the Secretary of Education, the Editor of Sunday School Literature, the

Secretary of the Epworth League Board, and at least three laymen; it shall elect quadrennially, on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries, a President of the school, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Directors; and shall appropriate annually for the maintenance of the school such sums as it may deem necessary, and take such other steps as may be required for its proper management. The Board of Directors shall meet as soon after its election as practicable upon the call of the General Missionary Secretary, and elect from its own members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Five members being present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall elect the faculty, supervise the work of the school, and do all things necessary for the successful development of the institution.

ART. XXVI. The Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions shall give bond in such sum as the Board may require, said bond to be approved by the executive officers of the Board. He shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions on the first day of each month all the moneys he may have on hand for foreign missions, including amounts contributed by the Sunday schools, a separate account of which shall be kept. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference Board. The Annual Conference Treasurers of the Woman's Missionary Societies shall transmit quarterly to the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions all the moneys they may have on hand for the general missionary fund.

ART. XXVII. It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans be adopted for the missionary education of the Church and for raising missionary funds; to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year; to see that they hold missionary mass meetings; and to encourage the organization and foster the work of Woman's Missionary Societies.

ART. XXVIII. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach frequently on the subject of missions, to organize a Missionary Committee, and to hold missionary mass meetings annually in every Church in his charge; to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the Conference year for a missionary contribution; to see that each Sunday school is organized as a missionary society,

and that at least one monthly collection shall go to missions; to see that each League holds a monthly meeting and studies the subject of missions; to circulate missionary literature, and to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the evangelization of the world; and to see that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in every Church where at all practicable.

Woman's
Missionary
Council.

ART. XXIX. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall conduct missionary work through an organization to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council, having a Home and a Foreign Department. It shall develop missionary work among women and children in accordance with the policy of the Board of Missions. This Council shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, two Recording Secretaries, and the Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of both the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies of each Annual Conference. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions, Assistant Treasurer, and the women who are members of the Board of Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Missionary Council. The Council shall hold annual meetings to hear reports of the work in all fields, receive appropriations and plans from the Board of Missions, to arrange the details of the appropriations, and to consecrate the women who are accepted for service. The Council shall also plan to enlarge the membership of these societies, to increase the collections, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children. At the annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot and nominate the women who are to be officers and members of the Board of Missions. The Council shall make its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for Conference and Auxiliary Societies in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Missions.

Auxiliary
Societies,

ART. XXX. The work of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be carried on through Conference and Auxiliary Societies under the Home and Foreign Departments. Its revenue shall be derived from membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society; provided that 50 per cent of the regular dues in the Woman's Home Mission Societies shall be directed by the Conference Society in which it is raised, subject to the approval of the Woman's Missionary Council.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

1. The President shall preside at the sessions and actively advance the interests of the Council. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall have charge of the children's work.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop the work of social service and local work.

3. The Secretaries of the woman's work of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Board of Missions shall be the Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council. They in their respective departments shall correspond with the missionaries and teachers and other persons employed by the Council, and with the Conference Secretaries. They shall furnish the Conference Secretaries with all needful information, secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports, acquaint themselves with conditions, needs, and opportunities of mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the Church. They shall sign all orders on the treasury and attend to the legal business of their respective departments.

4. The Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions shall be the Educational Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council. Her duties shall be those outlined as Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions.

5. The Editorial Secretary of the Board of Missions shall be the Editorial Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council. Her duties shall be those outlined as Editorial Secretary of the Board of Missions.

6. There shall be one or more Field Secretaries who shall advance the interests of the work by travel and as otherwise directed by the Council. They shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Missionary Council.

7. The Recording Secretaries shall give notice of all sessions of the Council, and shall keep the minutes of the session in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President of the Woman's Missionary Council. They shall prepare a condensed report of called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee sessions, to be presented to the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and shall give notices of meetings.

8. The Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions shall be the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall hold the

funds of the Council in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Corresponding Secretaries.

9. There shall be six Managers in charge of the Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions, who shall extend the work of the Woman's Missionary Council.

(a) They shall keep in close touch with the Conference officers and City Mission Boards in their divisions by correspondence and by attending Conferences and district meetings when practicable.

(b) They shall receive application for the service of field workers, missionaries, or deaconesses, for special meetings and itinerations, which applications shall be referred to the Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Departments of the Woman's Missionary Council. After receiving the names of available parties, the Division Managers shall arrange the details of the itineration with the Conference officers.

10. When vacancies among the officers or managers occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

11. The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council shall consist of its officers and managers, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

12. The business of the Council in the interim of the annual session shall be conducted by the Executive Committee, subject to the call of the President or a Secretary of the Council. There shall be a midyear meeting of this Executive Committee to review the work of the year and prepare for the annual session of the Council, and to attend to any other necessary business; at this session a majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

13. The Executive Committee shall nominate the regular committees for the annual session.

EXPENSES AND ESTIMATES.

14. The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the traveling expenses of officers, managers, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers to the annual session of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

15. Estimates shall be made at the annual session for the maintenance and extension of the work, for the expense of administration for the ensuing year, and for a contingent fund to meet emergencies that may arise in any field.

16. The estimates for one year shall not exceed the income of the preceding year from all sources, except annuities, bequests, devises, and sale of property.

RESTRICTIONS.

17. No new work shall be projected, and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated, except at the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

18. No person shall solicit gifts for an object not authorized by the Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

19. The Executive Committee shall name a committee of nine to nominate the standing committees to be elected by the Council in annual session. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

A report of a standing committee shall be submitted to a majority of the committee members before said report is made to the Council.

By-Laws Governing Standing Institutions.

I. STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Educational Institutions of nine members, who shall be the President, the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Mission Departments, three members from the Executive Committee of the Council, and three from the Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Council, and to report the same to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

(3) To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; the quarterly reports of superintendents, the principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the school for the ensuing year.

(4) The committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution, and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement and appointment. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the members of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council resident in Nashville.

(5) It shall be the duty of some member of this committee to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and to become acquainted with their internal management.

II. COMMITTEE ON ITINERATION.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Itineration of six members, who shall be the President and the five Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to receive from Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council such applications for helpers on programs as have been forwarded to them from Division Managers. These applications shall be considered in their relation to each other, and speakers assigned who can most conveniently and appropriately fill the various engagements.

III. COMMITTEE ON APPLICANTS FOR TRAINING FOR MISSION WORK.

(1) There shall be a standing Committee on Applicants for Scholarship for Training for Mission Work of five members, who shall be the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Mission Departments, one representative from each of the Training Schools, and a member of the Woman's Missionary Council resident in Nashville.

(2) An applicant for work must present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives, who shall refer them to the Conference Executive Committee. The Corresponding Secretary of the Conference must seek a personal acquaintance with the applicant before her papers are forwarded to the committee at Nashville. The papers of applicants for home mission work will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Home Department; those of applicants for foreign mission work will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. It shall be the duty of this Committee on Applicants for Mission Work to examine the papers of candidates, and to indorse them before recommending them to the principals of the Training Schools for instruction.

IV. COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES FOR MISSION WORK.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates for Mission Work of seven members, who shall be the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Departments, one representative from each of the Training Schools, a member of the Council resident in Nashville, and two from the Woman's Missionary Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the testimonials of candidates who have been indorsed by the faculty of the Training Schools they have attended. If in the judgment of the committee the candidates meet the requirements, the papers shall be referred with recommendation to the Committee on Missionary Candidates appointed by the Board and to the Committee on Candidates elected by the Woman's Missionary Council to serve during the annual session.

V. COMMITTEE OF CITY MISSIONS AND DEACONESS WORK.

(1) There shall be a Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work of fourteen members, who shall be the President, five Secretaries, a representative from each of the Training Schools, three women managers of the Board of Missions, and three from the Woman's Missionary Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to receive and act upon all applications from those who desire to become deaconesses; also all applications to employ deaconesses. It shall receive quarterly reports from all deaconesses and deaconess institutions maintained or controlled by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these institutions. It shall arrange for the consecration, appointment, or any transfer of deaconesses or missionaries that may be desired, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

(3) This committee shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Council, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

(4) It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the judicious expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, and to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

(5) It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no City Boards of Missions; and where conditions are encouraging, the same should be reported to the Council in annual session or called meeting; and if approved, the committee shall do all in its power to aid in the organization of a City Board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

(6) This committee shall confer with and cooperate with City Mission Boards. To it shall be referred all propositions from cities or auxiliaries desiring to take up organized city mission work; all reports of City Boards, including an itemized statement of money received and expended; all reports from city missionaries; all applications for or from missionary workers, or for a change in work or workers assigned. Previous to annual meetings this committee shall consult individuals, societies, and boards supporting missionaries, and missionaries themselves, as to the assignment of work for the ensuing year. The committee shall assign work to all home missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Missionary Council, subject to the approval of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual or called meetings.

VI. COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

(1) There shall be a Committee on By-Laws of seven members, who shall be the President, two Corresponding Secretaries, Editorial Secretary, and three members from the Council at large.

(2) To this committee shall be sent all amendments to any Constitution or By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council. This committee shall send a list of these proposed amendments to the members of the Council before the session of the Council.

VII. COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

(1) There shall be a standing Committee on Literature of thirteen members, who shall be the Woman's Editorial Secretary, the Woman's Educational Secretary, the two Corresponding Secretaries, the four Vice Presidents, the Press Superintendent, two other resident members of the Executive Committee, and two members from the Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to assist the Editorial Secretary in the preparation of yearbooks, leaflets, and other literature ordered by the Woman's Missionary Council.

VIII. COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Social Service of nine members, of which the Fourth Vice President shall be the Chairman, the President and the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments *ex officio* members, and the remaining members from the Council at large. Three shall constitute a quorum.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR UNITED CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHILDREN'S WORK.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society with Home and Foreign Departments, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the Woman's Missionary Work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, one or more District Secretaries from each district, a Superintendent of Press Work, and the following officers: A President, four Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, one or more Recording Secretaries, one or more Treasurers. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCES.

1. The Conference officers elected by ballot shall constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the intervals of the annual sessions. Three shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee named by the Executive Committee, composed of one or more representatives from each district. This does not debar the parliamentary privilege of nominations from the floor after the committee's report has been presented.

3. The District Secretaries and Conference Superintendents shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. An alternate from each department shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. Each Conference Society shall adopt a plan for raising a fund to meet the expenses of the Conference.

6. The Conference Society shall make its appropriations in annual session from the half of the regular membership fund of the Home Department, subject to its direction. These appropriations to be contingent upon the concurrence of the Woman's Missionary Council.

7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and shall actively advance the interests of the work.

8. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

9. The First Vice President shall have charge of the children's work, and shall make a quarterly report to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work, and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study, and shall report quarterly to the Third Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop the work of social service, and shall report quarterly to the Fourth Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

10. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. They shall use all practicable means for the organization of adult, young people's, and children's auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council, to whom they shall also send quarterly reports by the 15th day of the first month of each quarter. They shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such oth-

er reports as that body may desire. They shall sign all drafts on the Treasurers.

11. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

12. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping a book account with each auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall send itemized reports promptly on the 15th day of the first month of each quarter to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the General Treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

13. The District Secretaries shall organize auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Societies in their districts. They shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold annual meetings in the district (composed of delegates from the auxiliaries), and all-day meetings whenever practicable. If the Conference so direct, the District Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries, and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be their duty to do all in their power to obtain subscribers to the *Missionary Voice* and *Young Christian Worker*.

14. The Conference Society may elect superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Council. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department before the 10th of the first month of each quarter and report also to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

15. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields, nor respond to special calls for aid, without approval of the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The regular dues of the auxiliary societies—adult, young people's, and children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

17. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

18. The first meeting of the fiscal year of the auxiliaries shall be a pledge meeting, at which time voluntary pledges shall be made by the members and a report of the same be forwarded to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

ADULT SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an adult auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Conference Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers therein provided:

Constitution for Auxiliaries.

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the, auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this society shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States and non-Christian lands by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for meeting neighborhood needs.

3. Any one may become a member of this society by giving prayer, service, and ten cents dues per month to either Department, Home or Foreign, or twenty cents dues to both. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and for freewill offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council. Each auxiliary may raise the amount necessary for local work.

4. Any one may become a life member of either department of the society by the payment to the general fund of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

5. The officers of the society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, one or more Recording Secretaries, one or more Treasurers, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

6. The society shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes, and for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be full reports of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work for the new year.

By-Laws for Auxiliaries.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and shall actively advance its interests.. At her request or in her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall have charge of the children's work.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop the work of social service and local work.

These officers shall coöperate with the Conference officers having the same work in charge, and shall report to them quarterly.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and send to the District Secretaries full reports by the first day of each quarter. They shall also send annually to the District Secretaries and Conference Corresponding Secretaries the names and addresses of the officers of the auxiliary. They shall send their books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurers shall collect all moneys of the society, keep an account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurers by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The society shall elect an agent for the *Missionary Voice* and a Superintendent of Press Work.

7. Superintendents of Bureaus shall be elected as needed.

8. The Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Agent, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Constitution.

1. This society shall be called the Young People's Society of auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this society shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States and non-Christian lands by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for the relief of neighborhood needs.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two may become a member of the society by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly to missions. Opportunities will be given for pledges for special work, and freewill offerings to be used as directed by donors to such objects as are authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

The membership fund shall be divided as follows: Fifty per cent to the Foreign Department, fifty per cent to the Home Department. No other funds are subject to this division.

4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment to the general fund of ten dollars for this specific purpose.

5. The officers of the society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, one or more Treasurers, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

6. The society shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes, and for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be full reports of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work for the new year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society and in every way advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist the First Vice President of the adult auxiliary in superintending the Children's Department.

The Second Vice President shall be agent of the missionary periodicals of the Council and Press Superintendent.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop the work of social service and local work.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and make reports to the Vice President of the Conference by the first day of each quarter and to the District Secretaries, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the society, keeping a book account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter. She shall send a duplicate report to the Second Vice President of the Conference, and also furnish the Corresponding Secretaries of her auxiliary with a statement of the amounts remitted. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Constitution.

In this department the children shall be organized for the foreign and home mission work.

The object shall be to give them missionary education, train them for Christian service, and cultivate in them habits of liberal and systematic giving, Bible-reading, and prayer.

This department shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions under a superintendent who shall also be a Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with the Conference Vice President in charge of children's work. All membership funds shall be divided equally, the mite box funds divided in the proportion of sixty per cent to the Foreign and forty per cent to the Home Department.

Baby Division.

1. Any child five years of age and under may become a member of the Baby Division of the Woman's Missionary Society upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each child of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings, to be opened quarterly. Any child may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of five dollars.

2. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by an offering to missions and by the use of mite boxes in memory of the child.

3. At least once a year special meetings shall be held for the members of the Baby Division, at which time mite boxes shall be opened and a helpful program be carried out.

4. The First Vice President of Adult Auxiliaries shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of five and fourteen years may become a member of the Junior Division of the Woman's Missionary Society by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering to missions. Each child of the Junior Division shall be furnished a mite box for voluntary offerings, to be opened quarterly. Any child may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of five dollars to the general fund for this specific purpose.

2. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

3. The Junior Division shall meet at least once a month to follow some line of study for which a program shall be furnished.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society and in every way advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall help in the work of the Baby Division.

The Second Vice President shall be the agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study.

The Fourth Vice President shall have charge of the social service and local work of the children.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the society and make quarterly reports to the Vice President of the Conference and to the District Secretaries, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the society, keeping a book account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. She shall send a duplicate report to the Second Vice President of the Conference, and also furnish the Corresponding Secretaries of her auxiliary with a statement of the amounts remitted. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.

The Constitution and By-Laws planned for the united societies so nearly meet the needs of those Home Mission Conferences and Auxiliaries which do not unite that they are adopted with the following changes:

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Item 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Woman's Home Mission Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item 2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's home mission work of the Conference.

Item 3. The Conference Society shall consist of one delegate from each auxiliary, one or more District Secretaries from each district, a Superintendent of Press Work, and the following officers: A President, four Vice Presidents, one Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Item 4. An alternate shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item 10. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. She shall use all practicable means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretary of Home Department of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Council, to whom she shall also send quarterly reports by the fifteenth day of the first month of each quarter. She shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such other reports as that body may desire. She shall sign all drafts on the Treasurer.

ADULT AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers therein provided:

CONSTITUTION.

Item 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the, auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Item 2. The object of this society shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the country and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the maintenance of the home mission work of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for meeting neighborhood needs.

Item 3. Any one may become a member of this society by giving prayer, service, and ten cents dues per month. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and for freewill offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council. Each auxiliary may raise the amount necessary for local work.

Item 5. The officers of the society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

BY-LAWS FOR ADULT SOCIETIES.

Item 5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys for the society, keep an account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

Item 8. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Agents, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Constitution and By-Laws planned for the united societies so nearly meet the needs of those Foreign Mission Conferences and Auxiliaries which do not unite that they are adopted with the following changes:

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Foreign Missionary Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's foreign missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one delegate from each auxiliary, one or more District Secretaries from each district, a Superintendent of Press Work, and the following officers: A President, four Vice Presidents, one Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer. These officers are to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

4. An alternate shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item 6 is omitted.

10. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. She shall use all practicable means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, to whom she shall also send quarterly reports by the fifteenth day of the first month of each quarter. She shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such other reports as that body may desire. She shall sign all drafts on the Treasurer.

ADULT AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers therein provided.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the —, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this society shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in non-Christian lands by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this society by giving prayer, service, and ten cents dues per month. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and for freewill offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The officers of the society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

BY-LAWS FOR ADULT SOCIETIES.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all money of the society, keep an account of same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

8. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Agents, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING DEACONESSSES.

1. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee on Deaconess Work shall present her to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate duly signed by the President, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the General Secretary of the Board of Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate shall be surrendered to the Committee on Deaconess Work, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee on Deaconess Work deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place of their service.

2. Any one receiving training from the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leaves the work without the consent of the Council before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid by the Council. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service.

3. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Missionary Council.

4. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in the training school, the Committee on Deaconess Work shall examine the candidate, and if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall refer her back to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council or at such a time and place as the Committee of

Control shall direct, and shall be granted by that Council a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

5. No salaries shall be paid, the work of the deaconess being done for the love of Christ and in his name. Deaconesses shall receive an allowance of fifteen dollars a month with board, traveling expenses, and car fare; but any one who so desires may pay her own board and expenses, either wholly or in part. Deaconesses shall be allowed one month vacation annually, during which time the allowance shall be continued.

6. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter the work after the age of forty years or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration unless because of her qualifications she is recommended by an approved training school for positions where there is special demand for the deaconess uniform.

7. The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient reasons she should be released by the Deaconess Committee in control.

8. When a deaconess withdraws from active work in response to family or other cause that she regards as providential, she may have her certificate renewed and wear the uniform for one year, but no longer; if, after continuing out of the work for several years, she desires to return to it, she can do so without reconsecration, but must furnish satisfactory testimonials of her life during the interim and of her health at the time she applies for readmission.

9. When the deaconess is on duty, a simple uniform shall be worn. The exact details of this uniform will be kept in printed form, and may be had from the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council.

10. Pastors, mission boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified by By-Law VII.

11. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work.

12. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

13. The Committee on Deaconess Work shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Council, make a full report of the Deaconess work, which, after the acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Council.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Missionary Council must work under the advice and approval of this Council, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which they are appointed. "Every school or hospital established by the Council shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Missionary Council) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated."

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field, every missionary of the Woman's Missionary Council is expected to work in harmonious relations with the Secretary of the mission appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned, through whom she will receive all instructions and all funds.

3. That the duties of the Secretary of the mission shall be (1) to receive and disburse the funds sent to the field where there is no Treasurer; (2) that she keep a careful record of all the operations of the mission stations over which she is placed by the Woman's Missionary Council, and, together with the quarterly reports of the missionary in each station, transmit the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council each quarter; (3) that all funds be disbursed according to directions from the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council; (4) that all applications for funds be submitted to the Secretary on the field before making application to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council.

4. That she introduce no new measures in the several stations without the sanction of the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. Before sending their annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the wives of missionaries engaged in work for this Council, must hold an annual meeting to consider plans and estimates; and these, with the annual reports of the work, must be forwarded promptly by the Secretary of the mission to the Foreign Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

6. That ample time be allotted missionaries for the study of the language the first year of their stay in the field—certainly not less than three hours a day. Medical missionaries are not included in this provision.

7. That the course in the Chinese language, found in the printed minutes of the annual meeting in China, be rigidly followed by all the ladies who shall be sent to that field.

8. That in every field where a course of study has not been prescribed, the Secretaries of the mission and the principals of the schools shall arrange a four years' course which shall be followed by all new missionaries.

9. That the missionaries shall not turn aside from the work assigned them without permission of the Council, and that as much as possible, in addition to school work, house-to-house visiting among the natives, either by the Bible women under the supervision of the missionary, or by the missionary herself, be kept up.

10. That missionaries present their needs to the Council and not to the Church at large through its periodicals nor to societies privately without permission of the Council.

11. That our mission schools be used solely for the objects had in view of their erection. Any pupils who complete the course of study in our schools and wish to take a normal training in the government school may continue to live in the mission for two years longer for the purpose, paying a reasonable board.

12. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

13. The action of the Woman's Missionary Council will be communicated to the Secretary of the mission officially by the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Council.

14. Missionaries must not involve the Council in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Council in annual session.

15. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Missionary Council. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Council, and such appeals must be made through the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Council.

16. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Council. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Council.

17. That any surplus accruing from exchange or other causes be reported quarterly, but held in the treasury in the field until the close of the fiscal year, unless in case of an emergency the Board authorizes its use for any purpose other than that mentioned in the estimates or accorded in the appropriations.

18. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Missionary Council, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Council. Her expense home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

19. In order to conserve health and strength, every missionary is advised so to arrange her work as to allow every year at least one month of vacation, in which there shall be a cessation of regular work, and which shall be spent, if possible, away from her station.

20. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons, and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Missionary Council through the Secretary of the mission in charge of her field.

21. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Council.

22. A missionary who is at home to rest and to recover health will not be expected to take up any special work for three months after reaching the homeland, and for three months before returning to the mission field, but she will be expected to be present at the first Annual Meeting of the Council after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Council.

23. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Missionary Council is required to comply with the foregoing conditions, and to remember always her promise, given under the head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates:" "Do you agree to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Missionary Council while in its service?"

DIRECTORY.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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Honorary Life President, Mrs. C. M. Baker, Tremont Street, Selma, Ala.
President, Mrs. T. D. Samford, Opelika, Ala.
First Vice President, Mrs. T. D. Power.
Second Vice President, Mrs. J. G. Reynolds.
Third Vice President, Mrs. Bernard Stiener.
Fourth Vice President, Mrs. R. A. Lee, Fort Deposit, Ala.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Union Springs, Ala.
Corresponding Secretary, Foreign Department, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Opelika, Ala.
Corresponding Secretary, Home Department, Mrs. W. O. Brownfield, 453 South Tenth Street, Opelika, Ala.
Treasurer, Foreign Department, Mrs. J. A. Pratt, Prattville, Ala.
Treasurer, Home Department, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, 526 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Ala.

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Third Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Zellner, Prairie Grove, Ark.
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Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Bennett, North Tenth Street, Fort Smith, Ark.
Press Superintendent, Miss L. G. Rollston, Fayetteville, Ark.

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Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nina Wilson, 1601 Park Place, Baltimore, Md.

Recording Secretary, Miss Julia Hayes, 2901 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md.

Treasurer, Miss Virginia Cloud Massie, Front Royal, Va.

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First Vice President, Mrs. R. S. Dwyer, Harrisonburg, Va.

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